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PHENOMENON ON MAINLAND

Big Area Near Tsun Wan Covered With Ice

SUICIDE TRY FOILED

A Chinese man, aged 26 named Lee Hang who recently arrived in the Colony from Canton, attempted to commit suicide last night after 5 o'clock last evening by walking in front of traffic at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road. Police traffic officials on duty who pulled him out of the way of oncoming vehicles said he told them that he had been sick and destitute in Canton and so had come here to find a job. Just after he had arrived he decided to commit suicide.

K.C.R. EXPRESS' ESCAPE

An express train from Kowloon was held up for almost an hour on Monday en route to Canton.

Acting on information, the Canton authorities ordered the train to stop at San Tung Station, one station before Nam Kong.

Word had been received that bandits were waiting at Nam Kong to rob the train.

Troops were rushed from Canton. The non arrival on scheduled of the express at Nam Kong aroused the suspicions of the would be bandits. They fled before the troops arrived.

Chinese Stand On Shipping

Shanghai, Jan. 27. A highly-placed Chinese Government source said today that rumours that British shipping would be allowed to operate in inland waters were strictly unfounded and that the ban on foreign shipping will continue even though it adds 20 per cent to inland delivery of foreign goods.

The source said unqualifiedly that China will never allow foreign ships freely to ply in inland waters again, but agreed it was a costly policy.

He agreed that the additional cost caused by unloading and reloading at Shanghai and other coastal ports discourages foreign shippers from consigning cargoes inland to China. —United Press.

Something New In Bank Robberies

Tokyo, Jan. 27. Sixteen employees of a bank on the outskirts of Tokyo were poisoned yesterday resulting in 11 deaths when a man posing as a Health official told the assistant bank manager to take the medicine he had brought as a preventive against dysentery, which he claimed, had broken out in the neighbourhood.

The man, described as thin and about 45 years of age, entered the bank shortly after close of business and told the assistant bank manager: "I have been sent by the Health Section to disinfect the interior of the bank as a mass outbreak of dysentery has been reported in this neighbourhood. But before the disinfection is carried out you are requested to take this anti-dysentery medicine immediately, including all the bank's personnel."

Saying this he gave the assistant manager a vial containing a colourless liquid, adding that medicine must be taken before locking the safe.

The bank employees then took turns in sipping a portion of the vial, immediately after which they began retching and collapsed.

Eleven died and the remaining five were rushed to hospital in a critical condition.

It is not known whether the bank was robbed of cash as all the employees who are not dead are in a serious condition.

The vial is believed to have contained cyanide.

The assistant bank manager did not drink from the vial. —Reuter.

Unique Scene For The Tropics

"Grass in aspic" and "twigs in aspic" were the two delicacies offered to two officials of the Royal Observatory when they visited a ridge, between 1,400 and 2,000 feet above sea level, situated to the south-west of Taimoshan, yesterday forenoon.

In receipt of a report from the Tsun Wan Police Station that what appeared to be snow was seen in the hills to the north of Tsun Wan, two officials of the Royal Observatory were sent out to investigate this most unusual phenomenon.

On arrival at the scene the officials found a considerable area covered with ice several inches thick. The ridge was about half a mile long, said an official of the Royal Observatory to the "China Mail" representative.

"I cannot describe the scene," said the official. "It was most unique for the tropics. It looked as if food grass and twigs were growing all over the place. 'Grass in aspic' and 'twigs in aspic' would just about describe what I mean."

Rains Froze

The official pointed out that no sign of ice or frost was found up in Taimoshan which was well

over 1,000 feet higher. No report had been received of ice being found up in the Peak either.

Asked if he could explain the phenomenon, the official stated that the ridge was on the windward side of the mountain. In all likelihood, he said, the rains which fell during the night froze. The temperature then must have been well below freezing point.

Second Time

When we got there about noon the temperature was 35.5 degrees Fahrenheit, as compared to 46.7 degrees registered here. The ice was then melting."

This is the second occasion in Hong Kong's 107 years' history that frost or ice had been found. The first time was way back in 1893 when frost was seen up in Victoria Peak.

Orient Freezes

The weather in other parts of the Far East, as reported in agency cables last night—

Formosa—Snow in the northern part of the island, with a temperature of 62 degrees C. Mercury expected to show.

Shanghai—Temperature of 18 degrees F. Death toll from cold 320, mostly children.

Tientsin—15 degrees below zero, breaking an 11-year record. Parts of the harbour frozen in.

Tientsin—15 degrees below zero. Ice-breakers trying to free ships stuck in the ice.

Chengtu—Heavy snowfall.

Freezing Danger Over

The peak (or should it be the bottom?) of the cold weather has passed and the coming days should see a return to more normal (for Hong Kong) temperature readings, an official of the Royal Observatory told the "China Mail" yesterday.

The lowest reading yesterday was 39.5 degrees Fahrenheit, as compared with 38.8 degrees the previous day. The highest recorded during the 24 hours' period from 1 a.m. to 12 midnight was 48.1 degrees at 1 p.m.

"The anti-cyclone is slowly moving to the south-east and weakening," said the official, "causing the temperature to rise slowly. This rise should continue during the next few days."

The official added that "all dangers" of Hong Kong's thermometers registering "freezing point" have been passed.

Hourly readings yesterday were:

1 a.m. 40.9 deg.; 2 a.m. 41.2; 3 a.m. 40.7; 4 a.m. 41.0; 5 a.m. 40.9; 6 a.m. 41.5; 7 a.m. 40.8; 8 a.m. 41.6; 9 a.m. 43.0; 10 a.m. 44.0; 11 a.m. 45.8; 12 noon 46.6; 1 p.m. 47.5; 2 p.m. 48.1; 3 p.m. 48.7; 4 p.m. 48.7; 5 p.m. 48.4; 6 p.m. 47.9; 7 p.m. 47.5; 8 p.m. 47.0; 9 p.m. 47.0; 10 p.m. 47.0; 11 p.m. 46.7; midnight 46.3.

Convicts Get Away

Five political collaborators and two convicts serving life sentences for murder escaped from Canton City's No. 1 Prison on Monday afternoon, according to press dispatches from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

The men, apparently with outside assistance, dug a tunnel under the outer walls. To reach the outer walls they had to scale a high inner wall.

Rope, iron bars and other instruments used by the escapees were found discarded outside the prison.

BOGUS FIRE ALARM

Franksters with a poor sense of humour were responsible for three fire engines turning out at 8 o'clock last night to deal with a non-existent fire at 43 Morrison Hill Road.

An anonymous phone call to No. 2 Police Station subsequently proved to have been the work of a "joker," resulted in the brigade's unnecessary turn-out.

Residents at the house in question were unable to account for the call, which had not been made from there.

Ransom Overture Reported

Unconfirmed reports in Hong Kong yesterday said that overtures are being made by "middlemen" for ransom to be paid for the release of the six hostages kidnapped when pirates of the 4,500-ton Dutch liner "Van Heuts" on Dec. 14-15. The vessel was then about 80 miles from Hong Kong.

The reports said that the overtures were being made by "native" of Hainan Bay who claim they have facilities to contact the pirates, and negotiate for the release of the six victims.

For this service, the "middlemen" want HK\$5,000 and the assurance of a "substantial reward" when the hostages are freed.

The reports added that the relatives of the six kidnapped persons refused to pay because they are not convinced that the "middlemen" are the "right people" to deal with.

Contacted by the "China Mail" yesterday, relatives of the hostages declined to comment on the report.

The Hong Kong police authorities said that they had no information on the subject, and that they would like to lay their hands on the so-called middlemen.

Meanwhile, from Canton it is reported that the Chinese authorities are "vigorously pursuing the case."

Yellow Sea S.O.S. Call

Manila, Jan. 27. Globe Wireless reported tonight it had intercepted a message from a distressed ship identified as the Lindell asking immediate assistance but giving no details.

The vessel's position was given as 34.30 north latitude and 125.59 east longitude. This would be somewhere in the Yellow Sea.

The American Bureau of Shipping does not list any ship named Lindell. The nearest name listed is the Linnell, a 200-foot single-screw vessel owned by the U.S. Maritime Commission. —Associated Press.

Change Of Sex Case Reported In Canton

(By Henry Bough)

Canton, Jan. 27. The very rare case of changing the sex of a human being by medical treatment is now being attempted by an American-trained Chinese doctor in this city.

Twenty-three years ago, a child was born to humble parents with incomplete sex, being neither completely a boy nor a girl, but more bi-sexual. "It" grew up in this state without seeking medical advice.

Four months ago, "it" visited Dr. Stephen Chau, suffering from an attack of fever, and when the doctor pointed out the abnormalities the treatment began.

I have seen the photographs of the patient from the time the treatment began and those taken four months later.

Up to September last year, the patient showed distinct signs of womanhood: with the head of a man, the breasts of a woman and sexual organs neither one

nor the other, but leaning more to those of a woman.

Though a labourer, "it" skin was delicate and had no muscles.

Four months after the first injection of hormone, the first signs of the patient turning into the male sex were noticed. The breasts began to soften and contract and other distinct indications of masculinity appeared.

The patient today feels stronger, is gaining weight and behaves more like a man.

Dr. Chau was very reticent when I interviewed him, but stated that he hopes to cure his patient's abnormality if the treatment is continued for another 12 months or more. —Reuter.

Food For East End



Rose Bowers, 8, (left) of Poplar, is seen receiving a food parcel from American Film Actress Paulette Goddard (right) at Alton Street School, Poplar, London on Jan. 16. Paulette is distributing about \$5,000 — approximately five tons — of C.A.E. parcels (representing the first results of a continuing radio appeal to the American people) to needy British children. — (A.P. Photo).

Iloilo Residents Flee In Panic

Manila, Jan. 27. Thousands of residents of Iloilo City have fled to the countryside and refused to return as a result of terror inspired by three new shocks that rocked the quake-torn city before midnight.

No new casualties have been reported to add to the 20 dead and 100 injured already counted but the authorities searched the ruins of the virtually abandoned city in an effort to find possible victims.

President Manuel Roxas has instructed the Legislative Secretary, Mariano Espelleta, to survey the damage and coordinate relief.

The new tremors struck between 10.08 and 10.40 last night setting off a wave of wild rumours and terror.

Residents fled into the streets from houses, hospital and theatres. Entire sections of the city were deserted in an exodus to outlying suburbs.

Thousands spent the night in public plazas while others abandoned the city entirely driven to panic by rumours that further quakes and tidal waves were on the way.

The Philippine Weather Bureau, however, said equilibrium has been restored indicating that the shocks would taper off. The most violent of last night's shocks lasted for four minutes.

Big Cracks

Reports from Southern Panay coastal towns said that newly-erected fish corrals replacing those destroyed by the Christmas typhoon had again been wrecked, this time by the quake. Through Iloilo Province, cracks and fissures were reported in the ground. Almost all national highways were damaged. The largest crack reported was at Cubay—325 yards long and 65 yards wide.

Among the hundred or more injured was a 50-year-old widow with two children, whose left foot had to be amputated after it was crushed by a falling wall. —United Press.

BUS HELD UP IN N.T.

Bus No. 5539 on its way from Un Long to Kowloon yesterday evening was held up by two men armed with revolvers near the Hong Kong Ferryway. Three of the passengers were robbed of their money, watches and gold rings to a total value of about \$200.

REDS NEARING THE CAPITAL

Nanking, Jan. 27. China's fast spreading civil war today moved into the threatening proximity of Nanking, with sporadic fighting reported all along the north bank of the Yangtze river, the nearest point being at Luho, less than 20 miles above the capital.

While double vigilance is being maintained by the Chinese navy warships cruising the lower Yangtze, defence works are being erected at Patoushan mountain, on Nanking's outskirts.

Defence precautions were enforced in the capital following reports of this diversionary fighting which is believed to be the prelude to a Communist-threatened crossing of the Yangtze in the next few months.

The attack, launched from a base in north Kiangsu, has brought Red detachments to within 20 miles of Nanking and 65 miles of Shanghai, threatening shipping in the vital Yangtze at two points.

Despatches said the Reds have launched widespread attacks on practically all main Government-held towns in the area from the Yangtze northward to Paoing, and large scale fighting flared up on the Luho-Nantung-Paoing triangle.

Luho is 30 miles north-east of Nanking, Nantung 65 miles north-west of Shanghai and Paoing, on the Grand Canal, 60 miles north of the Yangtze.

Crossing Repulsed

The Reds were said to be attempting to cross the Yangtze into the Shanghai area at Nantung but their efforts to cross at Yicheng, 35 miles east of Nanking, were repulsed.

Patoushan, strategic defence point on the outskirts of Nanking, has been reinforced. Other towns in the Luho-Nantung-Paoing triangle reported to be under attack were Tienchang, Yangchow, Kaoyu, Tsinhsien, Taising and Jukou.

Semi-official reports, however, said that Nationalists under Gen. Li Mo-an had opened an offensive against the Reds in the coastal areas in North Kiangsu, recapturing the old Red base of Tachungchi, 85 miles north-east of Yangchow. Gen. Li's forces also were attacking the Communists at Tungai and Yen-cheng, both north-west and south-west of Tachungchi. —Reuter and United Press.

New Comet On The Way

Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 27.

A new comet is sweeping toward the earth, astronomers reported tonight, and should be visible through large amateur telescopes by Feb. 17.

Dr. Leland E. Cunningham, University of California astronomer, said the comet was now on the other side of the sun but was moving toward the earth in a wide arc.

The comet was discovered on Jan. 18 by Antonin Mrkos, Czechoslovakian astrophysicist. —United Press.

Dirty Work At The Shanghai Polls?

Shanghai, Jan. 27. Irregularities in connection with the recent Legislative Yuan elections here, have been charged by Dr. Hsieh Jen-chao, secretary-general of the local Kuomintang headquarters, Dr. Chien Chien-chiu, councillor of the same organ, and several others in a statement.

The group expressed the intention of bringing up the matter before the District Court and also requesting Mayor K. C. Wu to order the temporary suspension of further opening of the ballot boxes.

They mentioned three "suspect" points in connection with the elections. Firstly the votes found in ballot boxes and counted were already in excess of the total number of local voters estimated to have exercised their franchise—a total of some 350,000 votes was already found in one-fifth of all the local ballot boxes while the total number of voters estimated had been only some 200,000.

Secondly, allegedly due to carelessness in the handling of voting papers, thousands and thousands of blanks were found scattered outside booths.

Thirdly, on opening several ballot boxes, allegedly piles and piles of votes all in good order were found and this proved that

The Weather

General situation—The anti-cyclone covering Mongolia, China, and the neighbouring seas is unchanged in intensity, and is extending eastwards over south Japan. The depression is centred to the east of Hokkaido, moving north-east.

Forecast—Fresh north and north-east winds. Mainly overcast with partial clearance in afternoon. Slightly milder.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 49.4 deg. Fah. Minimum: 40.7 deg. Fah. Sunshine: Nil. Rainfall: 0.3 mm.; 0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—31.6 mm.; 1.25 in. as against an average of 27.7 mm.; 1.09 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. — 10.2 deg. C. 50.6 deg. F. 10.2 deg. C. 50.6 deg. F. 10.2 deg. C. 50.6 deg. F. 10.2 deg. C. 50.6 deg. F.

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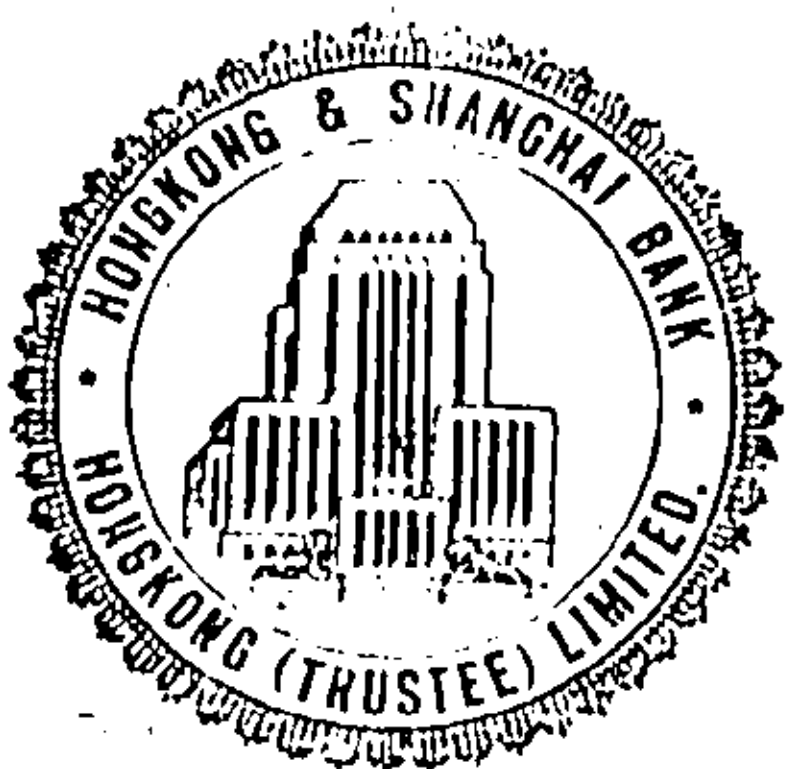
The food and fuel costs for the week ending Jan. 21 issued by the Labour Office were—

Rice and Flour	7.2	carries \$5.10 per 100 lbs.
Vegetables	1.9	1.00
Salt Cabbage	1.2	1.20
Oil	7.2	1.75
Tea	2.0	2.60
Salt Fish	3.0	2.40
Eggs	4.0	2.70
Pork	3.0	3.20
Firewood	10.0	13.00
Beef Cuts, 14 pieces		20.00
Total		\$14.1800

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE

The average of the food and fuel costs for the week ending 13.48 to 21.12 is \$14.18. The Rehabilitation Allowance for the week of February, 1948 will therefore be—

Daily per 100 lbs.	
Adults	\$1.00 per day
Children	2.00
Female	1.50
Monthly per 100 lbs.	
Adults	\$30.00 per month
Female	20.00



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Sworn Statement By Accused

A submission by Defence Counsel after the close of the prosecution's case that the Accused, Lt. General Ito Takao, charged with war crimes, had no case to answer was rejected by the court.

Defence Counsel submitted said that there had been no evidence to prove that the Accused was responsible for the atrocities committed. In reply, Major Ormsby said that the atrocities were not contested. The issue was whether the troops were under accused's command.

Ito, in his statement, had said that he was in charge of the 38 Infantry Unit and that there were three regiments concerned. The movements of all three had to be considered, and the court was entitled to believe that all were under accused's orders.

Tanaka was the first to land, and the first to reach Wong Nei-Chung, and Republic Bay. The atrocities were committed three days before. Major Ormsby contended that Tanaka, on his own evidence, had said that he was the person who had spoken to the residents at Republic Bay and was the only person who could clarify the disposition of troops under his command of Ito.

Ito's Evidence

After the Court had ruled that accused had a case to answer, Ito gave evidence on his own behalf. He detailed the formal and chaotic of the various units which attacked Hong Kong. A sworn statement by accused, taken in court by the prosecution, accused said in this that he took part in the assault on Hong Kong in December 1941. He was the commander of the 38 Infantry Unit section of the 38th Division. Prior to the attack on Hong Kong the plan of operation was decided by Lt. General Sakai. The order for the attack was given to the Butai commanders direct by Lt. General Sakai. The orders were delivered on Dec. 17 at Sakai's headquarters in Kowloon. He landed in Hong Kong at 2 a.m. on Dec. 19 at North Point and proceeded eastwards and remained at a point till noon on Dec. 20.

No Knowledge

He was trying to catch up with the Shi Ji Butai which was fighting in the Wongnei-chung Gap. He heard of no atrocities being committed against prisoners. During the whole of the operation, he did not see any prisoners. He did not see any of the hands of prisoners on capture. He knew nothing of the operation around Shaikwan, Wongnei-chung, the Race Course or Republic Bay. He personally gave no orders about the disposal of prisoners but warned each regimental commander to treat prisoners in a just manner. He left Hong Kong on Dec. 30 for the Celebes. Hearing will be continued this morning at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC WARNED

It has been reported that certain persons, representing themselves as employees of the Sanitary Department, have attempted to collect sums of money as "Chinese New Year" gratifications in respect of services rendered for scavenging, house-cleaning, rat-catching, etc.

Members of the public are hereby notified that no employee of the Urban Council or Sanitary Department is authorised to request, demand or receive any money whatsoever, and are advised that should any person make any such request or demand he should be detained and a Police Officer called or a telephone report made to the nearest Police Station.

RUSSIAN FINED

Appearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, charged with being drunk and incapable in Jubilee Street on the evening of Jan. 26 and with a previous conviction for a similar offence, Boris P. Markof, 29, watchman of No. 2 Stubbs Road, was fined \$25 (or one week in prison).

Burglary An Inside Job

Details of an "Inside Job" were given to Mr. W. H. Latimer by Dept. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes at Kowloon yesterday when Tong To (21) was charged with burglary and larceny and Tong Yuk-kwan (27), conservancy coolie, with aiding and abetting.

Second defendant and his wife were the sub-tenants of the complainant. Ho Yuk-ying (female), at 1132 Canton Road, second floor. At 3.15 a.m. on Jan. 22, second accused arrived home and was admitted by his wife. He was heard by the complainant to enter but not to rob the door.

About 5.30 a.m. Ho awoke to find the door open and the padlock of the rear cubicle (where he kept her belongings) on her bed. She checked her property and found a quantity of clothing, a suit case, a wooden box and a watch missing.

The Mong Kok C.I.D. questioned Tong Yuk-kwan and his wife. Tong said that his clansman, Tong To, had committed the burglary. He further stated, added DSI Sykes, that he had agreed to keep the front door open for his friend.

First defendant was arrested at 501 Canton Road, second floor, and the stolen articles found under his bed. Tong To was sentenced to two years' hard labour, and the second accused to one year, with hard labour.

Apprentice Cautioned

"In view of your good record and what the prosecuting officer had said about you, I will let you off with a caution," remarked Mr. J. C. Conklin at Central yesterday when a young apprentice from the Royal Naval Dockyard appeared charged with receiving a micrometer, knowing it was stolen.

Inspector Brownrigg said that at about 10.30 a.m. on Jan. 26th defendant was arrested on board H.M.S. "London" and had the instrument in his possession. Defendant admitted that it was given him by a small boy who had since been charged in the Juvenile Court.

Inspector Brownrigg said that defendant's father was a Steward in H.M. Ships and had an excellent record. Defendant himself had been an apprentice for year and had a good record.

Lewis First Honoured

London, Jan. 27. A 15-year-old goat, Lewis I, former mascot of Royal Air Force No. 1 Technical Training School at Halton, Buckinghamshire, who was recently demobilised with the "rank" of Flight-Sergeant is now an Honorary Life Member of the R.A.F. Association.

In the Association records, his address is given as Lewis Padlock, R.A.F. Station, Malton, Reding-Draught, Decorations—Defence Medal and 1939-1945 War Service Medal. His place as mascot has been taken by nine-months-old Lewis II, who, provided he makes the grade on ceremonial parades, will start his Service career as Leading Aircraftman.—Reuter.



British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Sayed Saleh Jabr, Prime Minister of Iraq, on Jan. 15 signed a treaty of friendship on behalf of their respective countries at the Civic Hall, Portsmouth. Left to right are Ernest Bevin, Admiral Lord Fraser, C-in-C Portsmouth; Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Sayed Saleh Jabr, Premier of Iraq. They are examining the make of the drum Major of the Royal Naval Band in Portsmouth dockyard, whilst on their way to H.M.S. Victory for luncheon after signing the treaty. (A.P. Photo).

Germany Today: Problem Of Educating Nazis

In an address on "Education in Occupied Germany" given before the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday, Captain A. J. E. Luff, Royal Army Education Corps, gave an impression of what he saw during 18 months in Germany. There was a general feeling of despondency and little confidence in democracy, he said. The only lesson learnt seemed to be that war does not pay. The regrettable squabbles among the victor nations had given the Germans the feeling that they were just being moved about as pawns by those in power.

The old and the middle-aged, many of whom had gone through World War I, looked hopefully for the emergence of democracy but the real problem was of those between the ages of 20 and 30 who were too deeply saturated with Hitlerism to look upon Germany's defeat as more than an incident, to be followed by "another showdown" sooner or later.

As for the children, despite hunger and a background of ruin, the course of their education was running well, he went on. The occupation authorities in the British and American Zones exercised great care to ensure that teachers with international outlook, entirely free from Nazi connections, were employed.

The greatest ambassadors of democracy, said Captain Luff, were perhaps the British and American soldiers who mingled freely with the populace and gave away their rations of sweets and chocolate to the children.

Biggest Problem

Educating a defeated nation was one of the biggest problems for the victor nations, he went on. One had to either give them a peace they can endure, or annihilate them. Since the latter was obviously not possible, the problem was then to make conditions tolerable for them. The humanitarian element must prevail, if democracy was to succeed.

MONKEY ACT EXPELLED

Earning their livelihood by performing acts with a monkey is considered an offence in the eyes of the law and resulted in Cheung Kwai-fai and Cheung Kam-wing being charged before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central with mendacity. On their pleading guilty, they were ordered to be expelled to Canton. The defendants were originally from Honan, but when the prosecuting officer (Inspector Brownrigg) said that it would be rather costly to have them expelled to their native place and suggested that Canton would serve the purpose, the Magistrate made an order accordingly.

Could Only Speak In Whispers

Wong Shek-tai, 38, married woman, and Chu Hung-mui, 52, widow, caused such a disturbance at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday and Monday that Court Inspector Cheng Chek-tin had no alternative but to have them charged with disorderly conduct. They appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Inspector J. Orem informed the Court that defendants were the mother and grandmother, respectively, of two juveniles who were sentenced to two years in the Reformatory on Saturday.

They created a commotion in the Court, and the environment of the Kowloon Magistracy, that day, and returned on Monday forenoon, when they raised another row.

A night in the Yau-mati Police Station cells appeared to have cooled them considerably, while their continuous loud lamentations had so injured their vocal chords that they were unable to speak above a whisper yesterday afternoon.

Addressing the defendants, Mr. Latimer said that he was sorry that they took their children's convictions, and sentence, so much to heart. He explained that the Court did its best for the boys, and reminded the defendants that their offspring had been before the Court twice.

They were only sent to the Reformatory, and not to goal said Mr. Latimer, to give them a chance to become good boys and citizens. It did not mean that they had to spend two years there but that if they behaved themselves and became good boys they would be released before then—even in two or three months time.

Mr. Latimer added that they could visit the boys during regulation visiting days. He promised to do his best for defendants should they have any difficulty in obtaining permission to visit the boys.

Both defendants were discharged with a caution.

OPIUM IN A BALLOON

When Chan Yim-po, 28, arrived from Canton by train on Jan. 26, he was searched and a quantity of raw opium found inside a balloon tied between his legs.

He was taken to the Tsingtau Police Station where a further search brought to light a letter addressed to one Ho Ng at 186 Shanghai Street, first floor. Revenue Officers went to the address and questioned a woman, who produced four mace of prepared opium.

Revenue Officer L.C. Millington told Mr. W. H. Latimer this at Kowloon yesterday when he charged Ho Ng with possession of four mace of prepared opium. She was fined \$100.

Chan was fined \$700, or four months' hard labour, for bringing the opium down "for a friend."

MAGICIANS MEET

About 20 members were present at the bi-monthly meeting of the Magic Circle last evening. Clever exhibitions were given by several members.

RADIO

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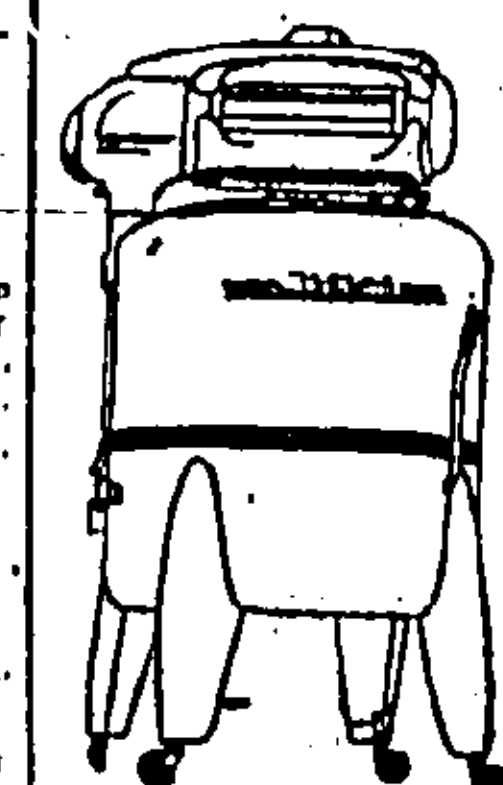
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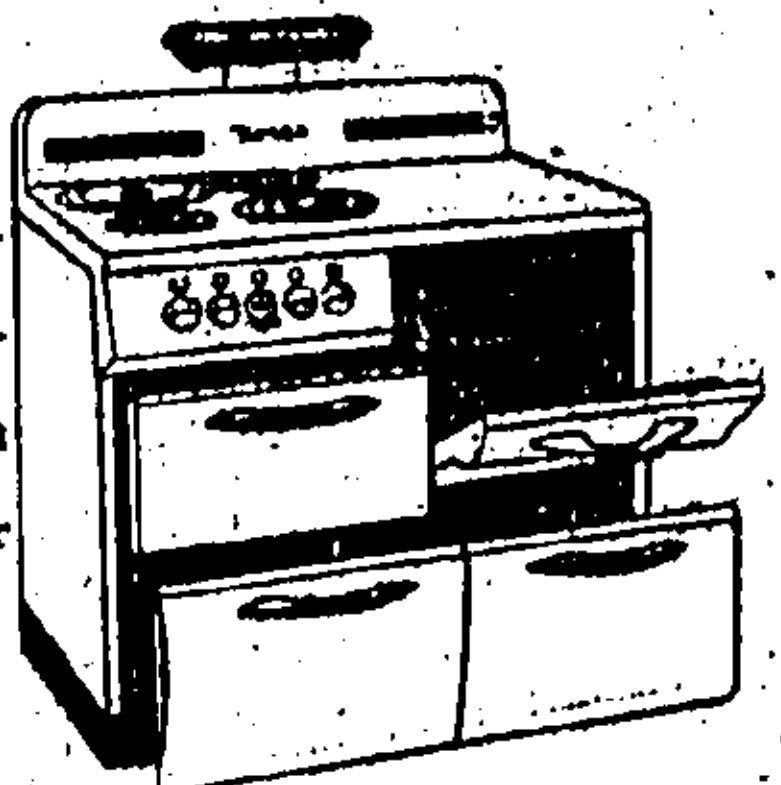
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Draft Programmes and Entry
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clature, we have applied to the
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Section 47 of the Merchant
Shipping Act, 1894, in respect
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J. JOLLY,
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Marine Department,
Hong Kong,
28th January, 1948.

NOTICE

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The examination for Sanitary
Inspectors under the Hong Kong
Examination Board of the Royal
Sanitary Institute will be held
on the 18th February, 1948.

An entry fee of \$75 will be
charged for this examination.

Application forms for entry
to the above examination may
be obtained from the Hon.
Secretary, Room 109, H.K. &
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J. I. BARNES,
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MRS. J. SHEWAN,
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Hongkong, 27th Jan. 1948.

Readers' Letters

Fun And Games On The Peak

Sir,—I would like to express
my thanks to the Post Master
General for giving the children
living on the Peak the opportu-
nity of amusing themselves in a
manner which I feel quite sure
must be unique in the world. My
knowledge of this entertaining
past-time came about in the fol-
lowing manner. Having two let-
ters to post and wishing to give
my son of three something to oc-
cupy his time, I asked him to
run and put them in the letter-
box by the Peak Tram, not real-
izing that he wasn't quite tall
enough to reach the slot. I mag-
ine my amazement and conster-
nation when I saw him calmly
open the main door, put the let-
ters inside, shut the door and
run back to me with a delighted
"Oh, we often play postmen with
the letters."

Two days later I was taking a
walk around Severn Road and on
approaching the postbox near the
site of the old hospital, imagine
my surprise when I found that
the main door of the postbox was
not only open but had a large
bunch of keys hanging from the
keyhole. I stood by the postbox
for fully ten minutes without seeing
or hearing a postman, and I was
only aware that I did not take
the keys home with me and ad-
vertised them in the "Found" col-
umn of your paper.

This extraordinary state of af-
fairs no doubt accounts for the
length of time taken for letters
sent to the Peak to reach their
destinations, if they ever reach
them at all.

I trust that the publication of
this letter will draw to the at-
tention of the officials concerned
a state of affairs which is grave
in the extreme and that prompt
action will be taken to rectify
this amazing example of inexcus-
able inefficiency.

RESIDENT OF THE PEAK.

Collaborators

Sir,—While Mr. Pearson spoke
for the sentiment of those who
suffered in the hands of the Jap-
anese war criminals, who disre-
garded even elementary prin-
ciples of International Law, Ex-

Service men certainly told us the

fact that the victors have had the
disposition to forget and forgive.
We have not only let the by-
gones by bygones. We have also
begun to realize that the war
criminals and their collabo-
rators and henchmen, are
ruining us again. Our good
American General Douglas Mac-
Arthur and his government are
said to be going to release Tojo
and his compatriots and to arm
them for fighting the Bolsheviks.

In Hong Kong the Mikado's
friends have never to pay for
what they did against the Allies.
According to the China Weekly
Review, a "King" an "admiral"
and a "general" all made good
under Isogai and Tanaka, are now
richer and more influential than
they were in the days of Co-
prosperity. The chief of district
bureau who sold out many allied
agents is said to be again a big
shot. Making monthly about
half a million Hong Kong cur-
rency is a man who removed for
the Nipponese the statue of
Queen Victoria.

There are persons who remem-
ber Watanabe. No one cares that
among the street girls are widows
of volunteers who died under the
enemy fires. No one wishes to
know that there are destitute
whose husbands were chopped by
the gendarmes for operating pro-
hibited transmitters.

Ex-internees and ex-political
prisoners are unable to claim
back their pre-war tenancies. Yet
we hear men insisting that houses
purchased with collaboration
money be recognised without in-
vestigation. We read that those
who paid the Japanese bank
liquidators the mortgage loans
demand that our government
should tax us to pay them back.

We hear of our brave com-
rades convicted for receiving a
small amount of bribery, for
operating a secret transmitter
because they cannot get any
other job. From day to day we
meet more colonials and generals
who fought the enemy, exiled
here and living on the hospitality
of those who amassed their for-
tunes under the Kempeta pro-
tection.

Ex-Service men's contentions
have become realities. They lead

Stassen Plan For Palestine

Burlington, Jan. 27.
Harold E. Stassen said last
night the U.N. should send a po-
lice force to Palestine to main-
tain order in that strife-torn
land.

The United States, he said,
should take the lead in calling
for the constabulary.
Such a police force, he said,
should be used to "disarm the
warring factions," punish vio-
lence and carry out all provi-
sions of the U.N. partition plan.

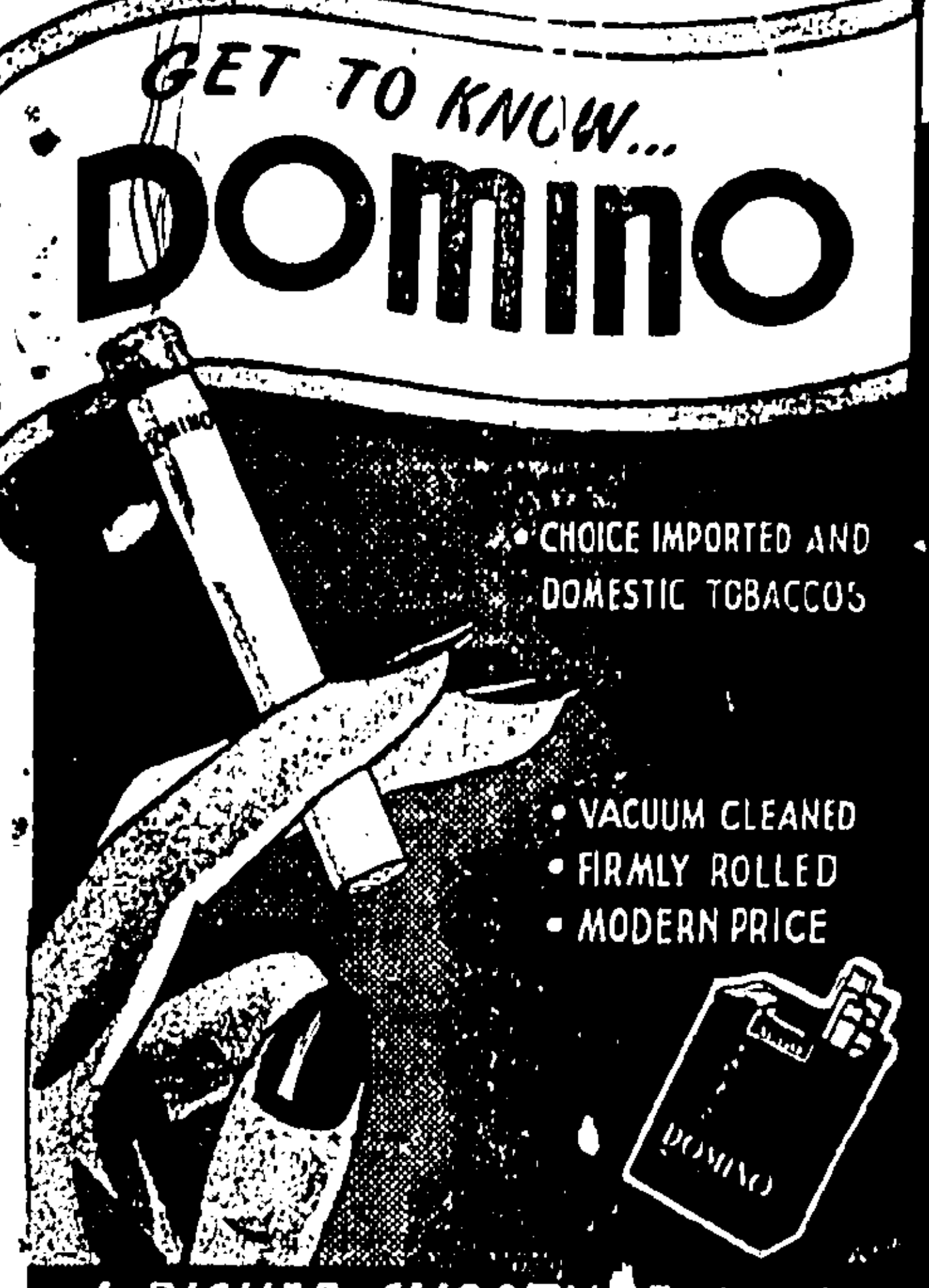
Launching a week-long tour
of Vermont, Maine and New
Hampshire, in his campaign for
the Republican presidential
nomination, Stassen asserted:
"The United States must not
evade this issue. We must in a
forthright manner call on other
members to join with us in
establishing a true U.N. police
force in this critical area."

Associated Press.

DENIS VICTOR.

"Sino."—Your letter should be
addressed to the newspaper in
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ed, but is it not in any case
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A SOFTBALL FAN. No name,
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Bradley To Succeed Eisenhower

Washington, Jan. 26. President Truman formally nominated General Omar Bradley today as Army Chief of Staff to succeed General Dwight Eisenhower.

The Senate must approve the nomination before General Bradley can take up the post.

The White House did not specify the date on which General Bradley will take over the duties of the post.

Swiss Arrest "A Spy"

GENEVA, JAN. 26. M. LADISLAS TARR, HUNGARIAN JOURNALIST, ARRESTED IN ZURICH ON JAN. 12, HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH "POLITICAL ESPIONAGE". THE SWISS POLICE AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED TODAY.

M. Tarr, who was representative in Switzerland of the semi-official Hungarian news agency, was accused of "systematic spying, particularly into the political attitude of Hungarians living in Switzerland."

Police reports said M. Tarr's despatches had nothing to do with his journalistic activities and were not addressed to the news agency which he represented.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Hungarian Government had already instructed its Minister in Bern to lodge an official protest with the Swiss Federal Government.

London, Jan. 26. Sir Edward Gent, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Malayan Union, has been appointed High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya to be established on Feb. 1.

The Federation comprises 11 units—nine Malay States and the two Settlements of Penang and Malacca, which are part of the Straits Settlements.

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DADDY—DARLING!

New York, Jan. 27.

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's new book on sexual behaviour of the male disclosed today that United States upper social levels have a growing acceptance of nudity, whereas there is greater restraint at the lower social levels.

Dr. Kinsey, professor of Zoology at Indiana University, and two associates compiled their book on the basis of interviews with 12,000 persons in the 48 States.

The survey showed, according to the book, "Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male," that the United States tradition against nudity may be changing; that there is "an increasing amount of nudity within the family circle (in the upper level)."

"There is rather free exposure in the home for both sexes, including the parents and children of all ages, at times of dressing and at times of bathing," he said.

Sleeping Nude

"This," he said, "is probably more common among males, though there is a considerable number of upper level females who also sleep nude."

Among males of college level, nearly half (41 percent) frequently sleep nude, about one-third (34 percent) of High School males do so, but only one-sixth (16 percent) of males of grade school level sleep that way.

He said that the upper level male particularly considers nudity as essential to his sex relations, while it is just the opposite in the male of the lower level.

"Obscene"

"It is primarily the product of the lower level's conviction that nudity is obscene," he said. "It is obscene in the presence of strangers, and it is even obscene in the presence of one's spouse. Some of the older men and women in this group take pride in the fact that they have never seen their own spouses nude."

"Many persons at this level strictly avoid nudity while dressing or undressing. They acquire a considerable knack of removing daytime clothing and of putting on night clothing without ever exposing any part of the body."

Dr. Kinsey said such avoidance of exposure is less often true of the younger generation which has been exposed to the mixture of social levels encountered in youth organizations and the Army and Navy.

"Exposure of the upper half of the male body on swimming beaches started as an upper level

custom but the democracy of the public beach has fostered a much wider acceptance of nudity among lower social levels today," he said.

Promiscuity

He said an example of this was found in younger males, "even of the labouring groups," working out of doors in public view, and stripped to the waist; while older males of the same group will keep their arms covered to the wrist.

"These intrusions on the traditional against nudity are reflected in the sleeping and sex-customs of the younger persons," he said, "but the older groups still observe the tradition."

He said the survey turned up some lower level males who admitted they had been promiscuous with "several hundred females," except on occasions "when the girl started to remove her clothing."

"She was too indecent," Dr. Kinsey quoted these particular men as saying.—United Press.

Aircraft Hits Shop, Seven Die

PARIS, JAN. 26. SEVEN WERE KILLED WHEN A PLANE CRASHED ON TO A CARPENTRY SHOP IN ROMAINVILLE, A NORTH-EASTERN PARIS SUBURB, TODAY.

Seven charred bodies had so far tonight been recovered from the still smouldering wreckage of the shop.

A French Aviation Company spokesman said that the plane, belonging to the air training and aviation centre at Le Bourget Airport, eight miles away, carried 12 people—11 pilots and pupils and the pilot officer—and that seven of them had been killed.—Reuter.

Greek Guerillas To Take Hostages

Belgrade, Jan. 26. The Greek "Democratic Army" (guerrilla force) Supreme Headquarters ordered yesterday the "seizing of hostages in great numbers," according to a communiqué broadcast by the "Free Greek Radio" and quoted by the Yugoslav news agency.

The communiqué said it was "according to the terms of this decision" that M. Louka Koutoupetalos, former Minister and Liberal member of the Greek Government, was abducted just over a week ago.

The communiqué said that M. Koutoupetalos would be given his liberty when the Athens Government "consents to release" M. Gavrilidis and M. Hadzibel, leading members of the guerrilla movement, Major-General Stephan Saraphis, former ELAS leader and Deputy Chief of Staff of the National Greek Army, and M. Ingilis.

These men must be given their passports and allowed to travel to the capitals of France, Czechoslovakia or Italy, the communiqué said.

The hostages order was given, the communiqué said, because of "the incessant fury of the Monarcho-Fascists, the arrests, executions and tortures inflicted upon democratic citizens," and so that "the conscience of the Monarcho-Fascist criminals should be stirred."

None of the hostages will be harmed, it added.—Reuter.

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Jews Want Money

Chicago, Jan. 26. Mrs. Golda Myerson, head of the Jerusalem Political Department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, appealed to American Jews today to furnish between \$25 million and \$30 million immediately to the Jews of Palestine.

Mrs. Myerson told the annual assembly of the Council of the Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that the 9,000 men now mobilised in Palestine and costing \$44,000 every 24 hours to maintain, must be increased to 27,000 within the next few days.—Reuter.

World Atomic Control

LAKE SUCCESS, JAN. 27. CHESTER I. BERNARD, NEW JERSEY BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY PRESIDENT, TODAY URGED THE U.N. TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF 11 "COSMOPOLITAN" LEADERS TO DIRECT WORLDWIDE ATOMIC CONTROL.

He said also that an executive who could manage "things as well as people" should be general manager under the board.

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PRICE OF TEA FROM CEYLON

Colombo, Jan. 26. The Ceylon Government has submitted a memorandum to the British Ministry of Food, explaining her case for an increased price for tea, it was authoritatively learned today.

According to official sources, Ceylon demanded an increase of 4d. per pound on the 1947 contract.—Reuter.

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THREAT TO THE POUND

Sir Stafford Cripps has announced that Britain has no intention of devaluing the pound. But he has not dispensed the attacking force.

Whatever the merits of the French case for devaluation, the setting up of a free market in gold can hardly fail to exert a heavy pressure upon sterling at a highly critical juncture in Britain's planning for balancing her international payments.

The Chancellor does not minimise the seriousness of the threat. On the contrary, he says quite frankly that while giving every reasonable aid to France in achieving a new level of currency stability, Britain must take such measures "as may prove necessary to limit the repercussions on our own currency" and on the currencies linked with the sterling bloc.

Nor is he quite happy about the outlook. In his report to Parliament on his visit to Paris, for instance, he reveals quite frankly that the French Government were prepared to make no concessions to the British point of view, much less to the strictures of the International Monetary Fund. The reaction of the Stock Exchange to the news—a sharp break in British Government securities and a rush for gold shares—reflects general opinion on the state of jeopardy in which sterling resources are placed.

The danger does not stop there. If worst fears are realised, the efficient working of the Marshall Plan may be gravely affected, a general scramble to re-organise monetary inter-relations may develop, and there will be started something suspiciously like economic warfare.

These considerations have doubtless been the dominating influence in British Cabinet discussions, leading to the decision to attempt to accommodate sterling to the new situation without employing any further counter-measures than are dictated by events.

In any case, the disadvantages today of a cut in the value of the pound would almost certainly outweigh any advantages. The costs of imports would immediately be increased by approximately fifty per cent, involving further internal inflation against which Britain is already battling, and while British goods exported could be sold more cheaply, this would hold good only as long as our present stocks of raw materials lasted out.

That does not mean, however, that Britain's hand could not be forced by conditions created in an uncontrolled financial market in Paris.

Undue Leniency

Mr. Justice Williams was expressing a widely held view when, in the Criminal Sessions last week, he commented adversely upon the tendency towards leniency in the lower courts, and upon the occasional wide disparity in sentences between court and court. Uniformity is obviously unobtainable. Magistrates must be given full liberty of discretion and deal with each case on its merits, as they see them.

It was, nevertheless, surprising subsequently to note the imposition of fines of \$5 only on a group of pedicab drivers, who were not only causing obstruction, but openly challenged a police officer to effect their arrest.

Next time, such a challenge might well be successful. If such is the support which Magistrates lend to the police in the performance of a difficult duty, why should they not throw up their hands and call it a day?

In This, The Third Instalment of Sir Robert Brooke-Popham's Despatches, the Air Chief Marshal Deals With The Complications Created by the Pearl Harbour Attack and the Sinking of H.M.S. Repulse and H.M.S. Prince of Wales.

RECONNAISSANCE PICKS UP CONVOYS

"At about 2 p.m. on December 6 I received information that air reconnaissance had sighted two Japanese convoys escorted by warships about 80 miles east-south-east of Pulo Obi Island off the southern point of Indo-China, streaming west."

Convoys

"One convoy consisted of 22 10,000-ton merchant vessels escorted by one battleship, probably the Kongo, five cruisers and seven destroyers, and the other of 21 merchant ships escorted by two cruisers and ten destroyers. Further west, one Japanese cruiser and three 10,000-ton merchant ships had been sighted steering north-west."

"I consulted with Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton and Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, Chief of Staff, and we concluded that the probability was that the convoy would not continue its course due west which would have brought it on to Kraitanus, but that it would follow the first four vessels and round Cambodia Point. It was pointed out that there was good anchorage on the west coast of Indo-China at Koh Tran which they might be making for as the next step towards Siam."

"Bearing in mind the policy of avoiding war with Japan if possible—a policy which had been reaffirmed by the Chiefs of Staff as recently as November 29—and the situation in the United States with the Kurosu talks still going on in Washington, I decided that I would not on this information, but orders were issued to bring all forces to first, i.e. the highest degree of readiness. I also impressed upon the Air Officer Commanding the urgent necessity for maintaining contact with the convoy, a point which he had already realised."

Good Work

"Location of these forces by Hudsons of No. 1, Royal Australian Air Force Squadron, based on Kota Bharu, was particularly good piece of work in view of their being at the limit of their patrolling range over 300 miles from the Malayan coast. This same factor of distance, however, made it impossible for them to remain in contact until relieved, but a Catalina flying boat was despatched to shadow the convoy during the night."

"The Air Officer Commanding also ordered reconnaissance by Hudsons starting early on December 7, faning out from Kota Bharu on to the last known bearings of the convoy. No signal was received from the Catalina and from information received later, it is almost certain it was shot down. A second Catalina failed to make contact with the convoy. On the morning of December 7 visibility east and northeast from Kota Bharu was good."

"Reconnaissance found no ships in the area between Kota Bharu and the southern end of Indo-China, thus confirming the supposition that the convoy had rounded Cambodia Point and had followed the four leading ships north-north-west into the Gulf of Siam. In this Gulf visibility was very bad and no positive information was received from this area until the evening when a report was received that a Hudson had seen through low clouds three small Japanese ships which were then passing Singora and heading south. This information reached me at about 9 o'clock in the evening."

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

Captain Boxer, of the Royal Horse Artillery, has invented a lightning carriage to fire into the air over an enemy's position so as to show his arrangements and movements in the darkest night. It has been tried with success on Woolwich Marshes.

The common carcases are protected about a quarter of a mile, and they burn about 10 minutes on the ground; they may be extinguished by the enemy. Captain Boxer's shell burnt aloft in the air at great altitude. A description says:—

"At the highest point, an explosion took place similar to the burning of a rocket in the air and out came parachute fully 3 feet in diameter, and about 3 feet in depth, suspending the brilliant blue light."

"The apparatus floated to the south-east, illuminating the whole of the common under and around it, with a light nearly equal to that of a full moon on a clear night."

A search was immediately made for the box, but without success, and it is most probable the camp will remain empty until those who can identify him have left."

"I met General Percival and we proceeded together to the Naval Base. I decided not to order Matador, the main reason being that at least 24 hours start was required before the anticipated time of a Japanese landing and this was most unlikely to be available should the three ships seen turn out to be part of a Japanese expedition. Further conditions for reconnaissance were laid on in the morning when it was decided that the Japanese were about to open hostilities, and on more than one occasion the British Minister to Thailand had stressed the serious consequences that would ensue should we be first to break Thai neutrality."

"It is pertinent to recall that until the Japanese had committed some definite act of hostility against the United States, the Dutch or ourselves, permission had not been given to attack the Japanese expedition at sea. "Clear evidence that the Japanese had in fact taken the plunge into hostilities was soon forthcoming when at 0130 hours on Monday, December 8, the Japanese started to land from about ten ships at Koh Bharu. I received this news at about 0230 hours in my office at the Naval Base, Singapore, and necessary steps were at once taken to put everything on a war footing, including the internment of Japanese."

"Later on reports were received that the Japanese were landing large forces at Singora and Patani in the southern part of Kra Isthmus."

No Surprise

"At 0300 hours on December 8 Singapore was attacked by Japanese bombers which in all probability came from southern Indo-China. "For some reason that I never ascertained, the headquarters of the Air Raid Precautions organisation had not been manned and it was only a few minutes before bombs were dropping on Singapore that contact was made by the Fighter Group Headquarters and sirens sounded giving warning for blackout."

"Apart from this failure in civil air raid precautions there was no tactical surprise since, as has been stated above, troops were all in readiness and a blackout was carried out at all naval, army and airforce establishments."

"Broadly speaking, assaults on our aerodromes, coupled with fresh landings in Siam territory, continued to be the main feature of Japanese operations for the first two days of war. The enemy was greatly helped in them by the prompt use to which he put Siamese aerodromes."

"On December 9 our aircraft were forced to vacate Kuantan owing to enemy bombing, though it was still used for refuelling. Already by this date it was clear that the success of the enemy's attack on our southern aerodromes would considerably handicap our own air action and that this in turn would unfavourably prejudice our fortunes in fighting on land."

"By December 10 it was evident that the enemy's primary object was the establishment of air superiority in northern Malaya, whilst at the same time he was testing our defences on a wide front."

"Prince of Wales"

"Complication of the situation, which gave some anxiety at this date, was that our efforts might be impeded by the lack of support, or even actively hostile measures among native elements. Native labour tended to disappear for days after the bombing and non-British railway employees, including engine drivers, deserted en masse on a large scale; the army was able to replace drivers to some extent."

"His Majesty's ships, Prince of Wales and Repulse arrived in Singapore on Tuesday, December 2, 1941, Admiral Sir Tom Phillips having arrived by air two days before. He and I had no opportunity for a full consultation over the situation before the war."

"Prince of Wales and Repulse, accompanied by four destroyers, left Singapore in the afternoon of Monday, December 8. Early on December 10 a signal was made to Singapore indicating that the ships would return earlier than originally planned."

"Except for this no communication was received and their position remained unknown until shortly after 12 noon on Wednesday, December 10, a signal was received from 'Repulse' that she was being bombed in a position about 60 miles east-south-east of Kuantan. On receipt of the message a fighter squadron was at once despatched and reached the position of the ships in commendably quick time, but only to see Prince of Wales go down. No enemy aircraft were spotted. Fighter cover, although only a weak one, was provided for the destroyers that picked up the crews from the sunken ships."

Pearl Harbour

"From the point of view of defence of the Far East as a whole, what was more serious was the Japanese attack on the United States' Pacific fleet in Pearl Harbour. "In appreciation of the situation we had always relied on the deterrent effect of the existence of this fleet even if the United States were not in the war from the start. It was expected that this fleet would prevent the Japanese from allotting more than a limited number of warships for escort duties, which fact would limit the number of convoys sent to South China, and thus prevent the Japanese from building up an expedition round the east side of

the Philippines towards the Netherlands East Indies, especially the eastern islands."

"A direct result of the Pearl Harbour attack was to prevent surface ships of the Asiatic fleet from Manila operating with the British and Dutch ships in Java and South China seas in accordance with the Anglo-Dutch agreement. This Asiatic fleet was, by orders from Washington, limited to operations between Surabaya and Port Darwin."

Reporting the "special features" of the operations, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham says: "A large number of changes took place shortly before or shortly after year with Japan started."

"These changes may have been inevitable and it could not have been foreseen that they would coincide so closely with the start of the war but they did add to the difficulties of the situation."

"The War Council did useful work in several directions but as it was not formed until after war began, there had been no time to work out its correct functions."

"Actually the composition of the Council led to its handling rather too much with the details of what was happening in Malaya while it would have been more useful if it had concentrated on wider problems."

"Turning to intelligence, perhaps the most serious error was the one involving the broadest aspect, namely, the intention of the Japanese Government."

"From a tactical point of view in Malaya, there was no surprise, but from a wider point of view, there was."

"While in general we have always realised the possibility of the extreme military party in Japan forcing their country into war, we did not believe, until the end of November, that Japan might actually be on the verge of starting war."

Under-Estimate

"As regards mere local intelligence, the forces that the Japanese would have at the beginning for an attack on Malaya were estimated with a fair degree of accuracy but there was an under-estimate of the power of the Japanese to attack several places simultaneously."

"There was also an under-estimate of the efficiency of the Japanese Army and Air Force, particularly in the following points: (a) Their disregard of weather conditions, especially their ability to land on beaches in bad weather. Also they appeared to have been but little hampered by the flooded state of the country in the southern end of the Kra Isthmus."

"(b)—Their mobility. This was due to several causes. The Japanese Army seemed generally to depend less on mechanism than ours and to be dependent on a smaller proportion of artillery. Its men needed only simple food."

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

LOCATION IS DECISIVE

Location of your honor cards—whether to the right or to the left of the main hostile honors—decides to a large extent how potent they are as trick-takers. If you get last whack at the other fellow's forces, your own can be quite powerful. But if he can have the last say in playing on your big cards with his, yours may be reduced to ineffectiveness. That factor of location should always be considered carefully in deciding whether or not to double an opposing contract, but plenty of otherwise fair players seem to pay no attention to it.

S. Q 8 4	S. A K 10
H. A K 7 4	H. 5 2
D. 8 5 4	D. H. Q 8 3
C. K J 8	C. K J 2
	C. 9 3

S. 7
H. J 9
D. A Q 10 9 6 3
C. A 10 6 4

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

East	South	West	North
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Pass	3 C	Pass	3 D
Pass	5 D	Pass	Pass

Dbl
You will seldom see a more unsound double than that since East could tell from the bidding that the South had very few cards in the majors and also held considerable diamonds to the left of the K-J. South could have made his contract against any defense, if he had guessed club and diamond plays just in danger of making after East leads right, though he could have been set if he guessed them wrongly. With

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



Oh, stop nagging! They'll tell ya when it's 1957!

NEW FEDERATION OF MALAYA

By MARC PURDUE

On the first of February the new Federation of Malaya will be inaugurated under British protection.

It is the direct culmination of more than two years' effort to get in step with postwar political trends of Southeast Asia. Friends of the Federation call it a step towards "a new self Government" for British Malaya.

Creation of the Federation, and its future, are complicated because the Malays themselves

are a minority of the population. They are outnumbered by Chinese and Indian residents.

Singapore, nerve center of Malayan economy and a major military base, is so predominantly Chinese that it was withheld from the Federation. It will continue as a Crown Colony of Britain.

Suspicion and jealousy among the three racial communities confronted creators of the Federation at every turn. A new Left Wing element added to the complex pattern.

Union Replaced

The Federation will replace the Malayan Union. The Union was conceived in 1945, immediately after the end of three and a half years of Japanese occupation. It was born in April, 1946, welding together nine Malay protectorate states—Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Johore, Kedah, Perlis, Kelantan and Trengganu, and the British Settlements of Penang and Malacca.

Only after Malayan Sultans signed up for the Union did they discover they had signed away almost all of their powers. The "rulers" were to be merely a Council of Advisers on Muslim affairs. The Sultans boycotted the first Governor of the Union, Sir Edward Gent. The Malays formed their own group—the United Malays National Organisation under the leadership of English-educated Dato Onn Bin Janfar of Johore. His job was to campaign for a square deal for Malays in their own country.

The British administrators were forced to try to devise a more satisfactory Government. A working committee representing the Government and the Malayan Organisation drafted the Federation plan by the end of 1946. After consultations with Malays, non-Malays and rulers, the revised constitutional proposals finally emerged.

British Control

Under the new constitution British surrenders all jurisdiction over internal affairs. The British in return control external affairs, defence and appeal to the Privy Council.

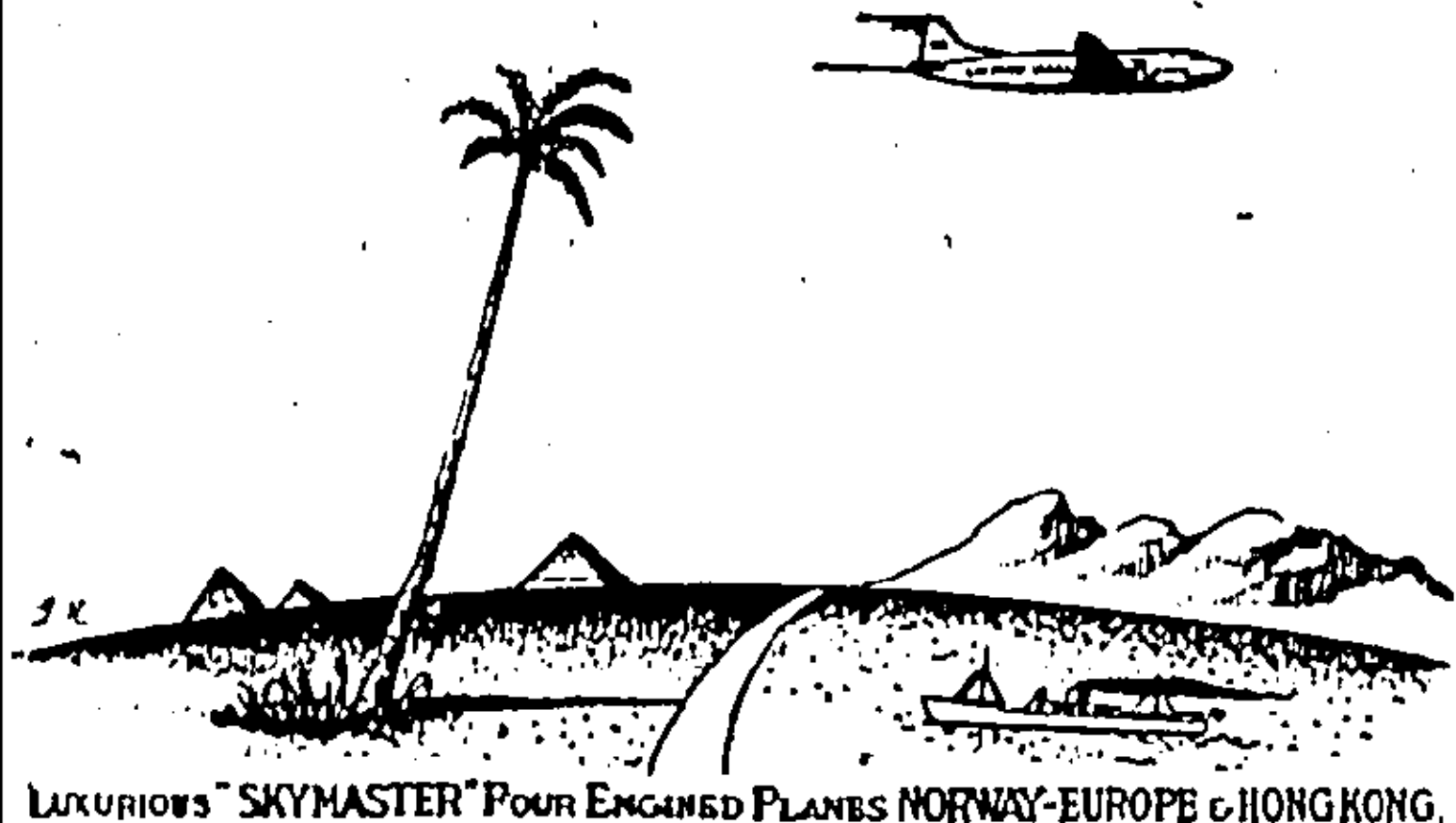
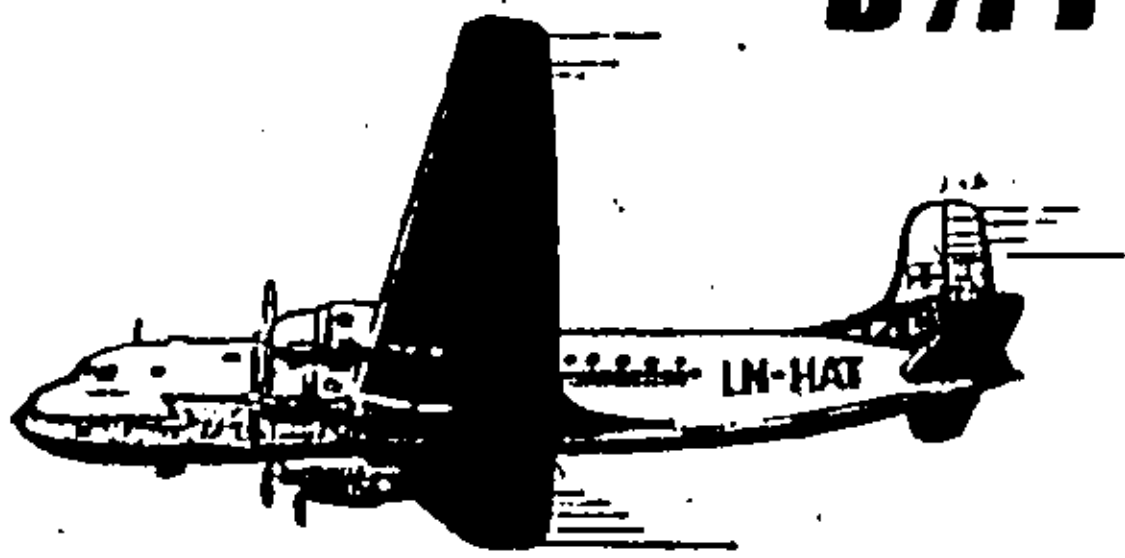
"The ultimate and supreme aim in this country," Governor General, Malcolm MacDonald said last October, "is Government of the peoples of Malaya, for the peoples of Malaya and by the peoples of Malaya."

The stumbling block is that "the peoples of Malaya" insist on being "the peoples" and not "the people." Cleavages between Malay, Chinese and Indian communities remain as wide as ever. Apparently despairing of an early solution of this situation, the Government resolved to set up the Federation as soon as possible.

The new Government will consist of a High Commissioner appointed by the King of England, a Federal Executive Council, and a Federal Legislative Council. Executive authority in each state will be held by the ruler, assisted by State Executive Councils. Each State also will have a Council of State with local legislative powers. The settlements of Penang and Malacca will have Settlement Councils—Associated Press.

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COMMUNIST PLAN REVEALED

Chinese Reds To Cross Yangtze Early In May And Head South

TRADE TO BE DISRUPTED

Nanking, Jan. 27.
Semi-official reports said today that captured Communist prisoners disclosed a plan by the Chinese Red High Command to cross the Yangtze into South China beginning in May this year.

The reports said the Chinese Red High Command headed by Gen. Chu Teh had ordered all preparations to be completed prior to the May operations.

The prisoners disclosed the following Communist programme for the domination of the Yangtze Valley and the eventual disruption of partially restored trade and commerce in South China:

Firstly, Communist regular forces north of the Yellow River will be sent southward to reinforce the armies of Generals Liu P'achen, Chen Yi and Chen Keng, leaving local militia to garrison the vacated areas.

Secondly, newly recruited forces in North China will be sent southward to strengthen the Chinese Red hold of Tapieshan, Fushan and Tungposhan mountain ranges.

Thirdly, destruction of the Lungtai-Peking-Hankow and the Tientsin-Pukow railways will be

stepped up in line with the general Communist policy of weakening the Nationalists through the disruption of transportation.

New Command

Other authoritative sources said the Government is planning another Chinese Red suppression command at Hsuehchow to direct operations against the Communists in Anhwei, Honan, Kiangsu and Shantung border regions. The decision to set up a new command was made at conferences under way in Hsuehchow attended by the governors of the four provinces and all the field commanders in the area. The new command would be headed by Gen. Chiu Ching-chuang.

Despatches from Manchuria said that bloody hand-to-hand fighting raged without let-up around Hsilitun railway station with the Reds attacking under heavy continuous artillery fire.

Near Peiping

It was believed that the Government position was untenable but the capture of the city by the Reds has not yet been reported.

Mukden reports said the Nationalists recaptured Tungfeng and Hsifeng, 70 and 30 miles east of Szepeing. A new Communist attack was reported to be imminent 60 miles south of Peiping with large Red forces crossing the Taising River northward toward Peiping.

Other Red regiments were reported along the Peiping-Paoing line.—United Press.

British Legion Conference

London, Jan. 26.
The Queen will attend the annual conference of the women's section of the British Legion at Albert Hall on Tuesday, May 4.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will be present with their Majesties, the King and Queen, at the unveiling of the memorial to President Roosevelt in Grosvenor Square on Monday, April 12.—Reuter.

Ban On Petrol Exports?

Washington, Jan. 26.
An immediate ban on all exports of petroleum products was recommended here today by the House of Representatives Inter-State Commerce Committee.

The Committee report said action was necessary because of too optimistic estimates of supplies, the weather and "the gravity of the outlook in oil supplies in the event of a war emergency."—Reuter.

Pocket Radios By 1973

New York, Jan. 27.
Mr. Frank Stanton, President of Columbia Broadcasting System, predicted today that pocket radio sets powered by the sun and small enough to fit in a pocket would be in use within 25 years.

He said radios "no larger than a pocket watch and powered simply by exposure to sunlight alone" would bring the radio programmes of tomorrow.

"I think you can also count on having personal sending sets to carry around in your pocket, too," Mr. Stanton said. "You will be able to make your own broadcasts—to tell the family you will be late for dinner, for example."—United Press.

Lisbon, Jan. 26.
Ex-King Umberto, of Italy, returned today from Cairo where he attended the funeral of his father, Ex-King Victor Emmanuel.—Reuter.

Winkle Club Question In Commons

LONDON, JAN. 27.
THE FOOD MINISTER, MR. JOHN STRACHEY, WAS ASKED A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TODAY ABOUT THE WINKLE CLUB.

The question was: Why was a licence recently granted for the annual Winkle Club dinner at Hastings and what was the distinction for the purpose for such a licence between that dinner and the dinners of business organisations and associations, regimental and other service gatherings and functions promoted by the British Legion and Old Comrades Associations?

Mr. Strachey replied that he regretted that owing to a misunderstanding a licence was wrongly issued to the Winkle Club.

NOTE: The fishermen's Winkle Club dinner which has been held for nearly 50 years was originally banned last December because of an order restricting banquets to 100 people.

Mr. Strachey later reversed the decision. The Duke of Windsor and Field Marshal Montgomery are members of the club which raised funds for charity by fines on members who failed to "winkle up" when challenged by another member to produce the winkle shell badge of membership.—Reuter.

POLISH MOBILISATION

Warsaw, Jan. 27.
The Warsaw Government called yesterday for nationwide mobilisation of Polish youths to push the three-year economic recovery programme and to "strengthen the national military preparedness."

The National Board for Physical and Military Training announced the impending creation of a national youth organisation to be known as "Sluzba Polscy" Service to Poland.

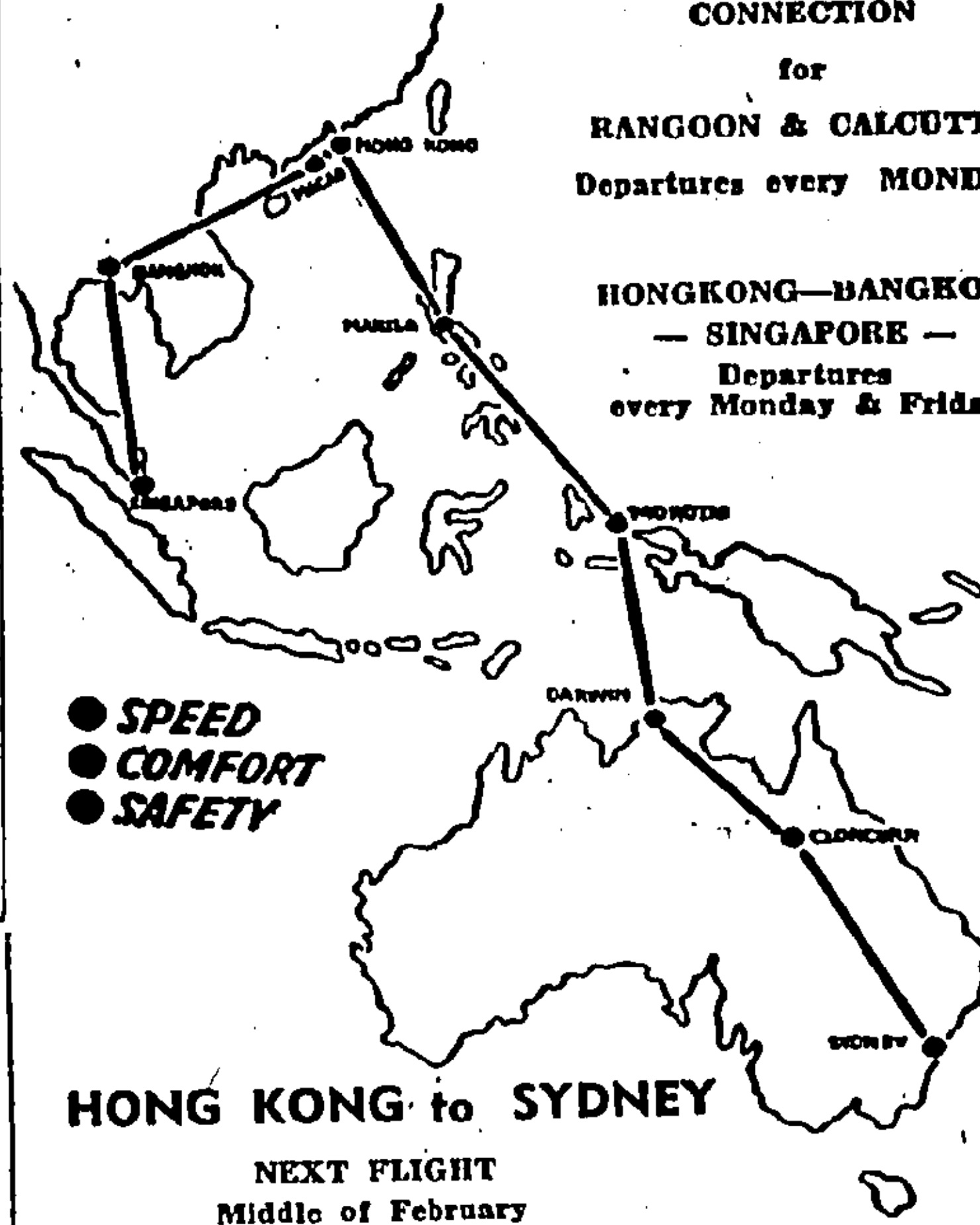
All youths from 16 to 21 will be required to participate.—Associated Press.

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Portugal's War Memorial



A unique war memorial was unveiled at Lisbon a few days ago, in the shape of a statue marking Portugal's neutrality and non-entry in World War Two. The statue, which bears an inscription recording Portugal's appreciation of the efforts of Dr. Salazar, Prime Minister, to keep the country out of war, is of white marble. It is erected near Salazar's residence. (Associated Press Photo)

"Hitlerite Trotskyite"

Paris, Jan. 27.
The Communist newspaper "l'Humanite" charged today that Protocol M was prepared by the "Hitlerite Trotskyite agent, Ruth Fischer" who drafted it "after a stay in London."

A former official of the pre-Hitler German Communist Party, Mrs. Fischer is a sister of Communist Gerhardt Eisler, whom she denounced as a Stalinist terrorist when tried last summer in Washington for entering the United States illegally.

Mrs. Fischer recently visited England and Germany.—United Press.

DEATH OF TURKISH PRESIDENT

Ankara, Jan. 26.
General Kazim Karabekir, President of the Turkish National Assembly, died suddenly today of heart failure.

He was an advocate of friendship between Turkey and Russia because of the mutual interests of the two countries in the Dardanelles.—Reuter

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GLOOMY FRENCH REACTION

Sharp Criticism Of Devaluation Of The Franc---"Shameful" Disagreement With Britain Noted

Paris, Jan. 26.
Leading articles in today's French papers—which do not usually publish on a Monday but came out today to give details of the devaluation plan—made sharp criticism and gloomy predictions about the scheme. The leftist "Franc-Tireur" wrote: "France has thrown her stake on the international roulette table and M. Rene Mayer is playing the capitalist game with precise mastery."

Scotland Delivers The Coal

LONDON, JAN. 26.
SCOTLAND IS STILL LEADING IN THE NATIONAL COAL OUTPUT COMPETITION FOR THE MITCHELL - HEDGES TROPH. HAVING SCORED 162 POINTS IN THE THREE WEEKS ENDED JAN. 10, THE SCOTTISH MINERS HAVE NOW 780 POINTS. Second, with a total of 646 points, is the Southwestern Division (South Wales, Monmouthshire, Somerset and Devon Forest). The Kentish miners, who have been steadily climbing the League table, continue at third place with 616 points.

The other positions in the competition table are: Northern Division (Durham, Northumberland and Cumberland) 463 points; North-Eastern Division (Yorkshire) 408 points; East Midlands Division (Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire) 399 points; North-Western Division (Lancashire, Cheshire and North Wales) 222 points; and West Midlands Division (North and South Staffordshire, Cannock, Chase, Shropshire and Warwickshire) 84 points.—*Reuter.*

For Italy

Italy may receive 400,000 tons of British coal this year as a result of the Anglo-Italian economic committee talks in London. Machinery, chemicals and raw materials may also be sent in return for Italian fruit and vegetables. An Italian spokesman said the talks, which began two weeks ago, are expected to end tomorrow. "There is a good hope that coal shipments from Britain will increase gradually," he said. Pre-war supplies totalled 4,000,000 tons yearly. The first post-war shipment of British coal left Newcastle-on-Tyne for Italy on Saturday.—*Reuter.*

For Switzerland

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Jan. 26.
The first cargo of British coal for Switzerland under the 1948 export programme will leave Dunstan, Northumberland, on Feb. 4. The cargo will total 4,000 tons.—*Reuter.*

M. SPAAK AGAINST ABDICATION

Brussels, Jan. 26.
M. Paul Henri Spaak, Prime Minister, today pronounced himself against the immediate abdication of King Leopold.

Speaking before the General Council of his party, which is firmly opposed to the King's return to the Throne, M. Spaak said he thought the abdication would be "bad for Crown Prince Baudouin and for the country."

When Prince Baudouin comes of age next September, he will have to take his seat in the Belgian Senate, according to the constitution, and serve his period of conscription.—*Reuter.*

No Commonwealth Security Council

LONDON, JAN. 26.
The British Government today declined a suggestion that it should initiate the setting up of a permanent consultative body of representatives from all British Commonwealth nations to deal with such matters as the dispute between India and Pakistan, instead of their being referred to the United Nations.

Mr. P. Gordon Walker, Under-Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, replying in the House of Commons to Captain Marsden, Conservative, said it was a matter which would require the consent of all Commonwealth countries and the British Government did not believe that in present conditions it would be practicable to obtain such general agreement. Captain Marsden had earlier asked whether any attempt was

The leftwing radical "L'Ordre" saluted the new franc "with all the tender solicitude caused by the illness of a loved one."

The authoritative "Le Monde" comments that the devaluation of the franc should be the starting point of an international financial coordination desired by the whole world rather than a signal for the outbreak of commercial warfare.

France, Great Britain and all other Western nations should immediately re-examine, not only their monetary interrelation, but also their international commercial dealings in the present crisis, "Le Monde" said.

"Le Populaire," organ of the Socialist Party, said the decision "has caused grave disagreement with an allied country and constitutes a breaking of the undertakings towards an organization created to direct economic and financial cooperation between the nations."

"Shameful"

The independent moderate "Combat" considered that one of the objectives of the United States has been attained in France, "but in an oblique and shameful manner."

The paper said it would be astonishing if the United States had not given France "some discreet encouragement," even though she ostensibly voted against France and supported Britain in the International Monetary Fund.

The most severe newspaper condemnation of the devaluation scheme came from the Paris Communist Party organ, "l'Humanite," which said the operation was "not for national, but essentially capitalist interests."—*Reuter.*

If The Worst Comes To The Worst

Washington, Jan. 26.
If the worst fears about the franc devaluation are fulfilled, this would have serious effects on the successful operation of the European recovery programme, a Treasury spokesman warned today.

The spokesman formally confirmed American opposition to the French Government's actions.

He said: "The view of this Government is completely in accordance with the view of the Fund." He added, however, that the United States proposed to make no unilateral approaches to the French Government, "but would continue to operate in this matter through the Fund."

The spokesman said that while the United States was "reasonably optimistic" about the outcome of the franc devaluation proposals, it saw two main dangers:

1.—French traders exporting in the free market goods bought at the official fixed rate, thus inevitably causing a new rash of discriminatory trade restrictions which would aggravate political relations.

2.—Competitive pressures on neighbouring countries by France "stealing" the export trade. This would bring a threat of competitive devaluation by other European countries.

The spokesman said that if the franc devaluation was effective in stabilising serious inflation in France, the benefit to the European recovery programme would be positive. On the other hand, development of any of the results about which the Fund

Wishful Thinking?

London, Jan. 26.
A spokesman of the Chinese Embassy said today that he had no information about a Nanking report that the first "large" rebellion in the history of the Soviet Government is flaring up in Southern Ukraine.

The spokesman suggested that the report was "probably exaggerated". The report, which was published in the Hearst press in the United States yesterday, attributed this information to Mr. Chen Li-fu, head of the Kuomintang Party organisation.—*Reuter.*

Butter, Bacon Contracts

LONDON, JAN. 26.
BRITAIN HOPES TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH DENMARK FOR BUTTER AND BACON SHORTLY. THE MINISTER OF FOOD, MR. JOHN STRACHEY, STATED TODAY.

He was replying to a question in Parliament on what progress had been made in the negotiations. He added that the Danish delegation had returned to Denmark for consultation with their Government.

Asked if the reason that these discussions had not proceeded in a bigger way was because Britain was unable to offer the Danes steel and coal, Mr. Strachey replied that supplies of scarce materials such as coal and steel had been offered but Britain could not offer the Danes all the supplies available or there would be none for other important customers.—*Reuter.*

De Gasperi Blames Communists

Rome, Jan. 27.
Premier Alcide de Gasperi flatly accused the Communists today of stirring up agitation and unrest in Italy and France on direct orders from the Cominform to wreck the Marshall Plan and seize power in both countries by direct action.

De Gasperi spoke angrily in an atmosphere of increasing political violence which included incidents in Brescia and Messina yesterday, in which 37 persons were injured.

In an interview with the independent newspaper "Il Messaggero," de Gasperi was asked who were responsible for the increasing agitation in Italy. He replied:

"It is clear that all agitation, whatever the given economic reasons and pretexts, responds to the Cominform directive sent to Communists in Italy and France for the purpose of preventing the Marshall Plan and taking over the Government in the two countries."

The Catholic Premier's statement is the bluntest yet from a high Government official accusing Italian Communists of acting on orders from abroad.—*United Press.*

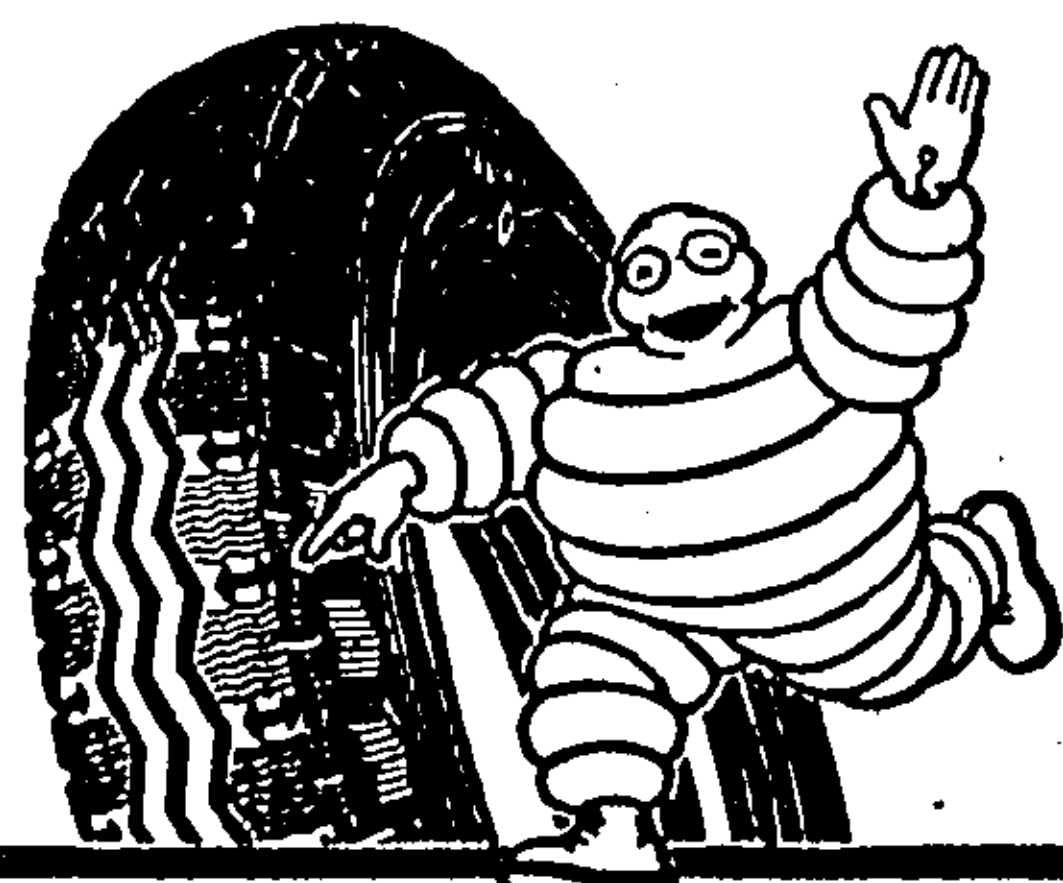
UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER ARRESTS

FLensburg, Jan. 26.
THREE GERMANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE BRITISH SECURITY POLICE IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF AN "UNDERGROUND" NEWSPAPER DEMANDING THE INCORPORATION OF FLENSBURG AND SOUTH SCHLESWIG INTO DENMARK.

They are: Albert Andersen, a house porter, Christian Giepel, clerk, and Karl Misen, clerk. The paper was entitled "The South Schleswig State Newspaper" and was distributed by hand to all leading personalities in South Schleswig.

Officials of the South Schleswig Association disclaimed any connection with the publication.

In its last edition, the paper carried an "obituary" reporting the death of the democratic spirit in the Schleswig-Holstein Government and purporting to be signed by Lord Pakenham, Minister responsible for occupation affairs, and the former Regional Commissioner of Schleswig-Holstein, Sir Hugh Champion de Crespigny.—*Reuter.*



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No Change Despite Devaluation Of The Franc: Precautions Taken

Cripps Reports To The Commons

London, Jan. 26.

The British Government does not propose to alter the rate of sterling in relation to other currencies as a result of France's decision to devalue the franc at its controlled rate and to recognise a free rate.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announcing this in the House of Commons tonight, said he did not believe such counter-action "will be rendered necessary or advisable."

Precautions would, however, have to be taken by Britain. "Our policy will be two-fold: to give any help we can to assist the French Government in reaching their objective of a fixed uniform rate at as early a date as possible and, at the same time, to take such measures as may prove necessary in the interval to limit the repercussions on our own currency and many other currencies in which we are closely interested."

Sir Stafford said that after his weekend visit to Paris, he had left British technical staff there to work out, with the French Government, precautions which the British Government must take. "This is a matter in which we bear responsibility to the whole of the sterling area and to all those others who are trading on the basis of sterling," he said, "and we must therefore maintain our freedom to take any action which may be found necessary."

Greatest Case

"In any action that we are compelled to take, we shall, of course, exercise the greatest care not to add to the difficulties of our French friends more than might prove inevitable. It is not intended to give facilities for the flight of capital from France for currency speculation or for arbitrage between one currency and another."

Sir Stafford gave an assurance that both Britain and France were anxious that these differences should not interfere with the proposals of Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, for a Western European union, including these two countries, and also Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, with the possibility of others joining the union later. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, reporting on his talks, said the French regarded it as impracticable at this stage in the evolution of their economic programme to determine a new and fixed rate for the franc which would be appropriate.

Opinion Differ

"Therefore, in their judgment, it was necessary that, for the transitional period, part of the convertible currencies coming to France should find their level through the operation of the free market. They came to the conclusion that if they accepted any of our suggestions, they would be unable to achieve, in full measure, the results for which they hoped from their present arrangements."

Although all of us agreed upon the extreme importance of working towards a greater economic integration of Western Europe, the judgment of the two sides upon the effect that the French action was likely to have, differed. "We held the view that the particular methods which they were proposing were of less decisive value for them than they considered, and that the adverse effects upon co-operation between the franc and other European currencies, which were likely to ensue from their action, were greater than they had estimated."

Unfortunate

"As a result, they decided to adopt a method in the form which Mr. Mayer had first explained to me, despite the disapproval which they were conscious would be registered by the International Monetary Fund. "We regard this result as unfortunate, but nevertheless we are anxious, as are the French Government, that this difference of opinion should have no adverse effect on our general relations and cooperation, or in any way militate against our coming together for the purposes, announced by the Foreign Secretary on Thursday last and to which I found the warmest response amongst all members of the French Government whom I met."

Of his first interviews with Mr. Mayer in London 10 days ago, the Chancellor of the Exchequer recalled: "I emphasised that we were united in sympathy with the main objective which the French Government had in view, which was to arrive at a realistic value between the franc and the dollar. "I said that we were prepared to support that objective at the Fund but that we were not in agreement with the method which they proposed to adopt."

Impracticable

"We told the French Government that if they found it possible to accept a 'weight' devaluation of the franc without the system of a free market, we would be ready to help them by immediate discussions for the expansion of trade between the franc and the sterling areas on that basis," Sir Stafford declared.

"The French Government, however, concluded that straight devaluation was, for a number of reasons, impracticable for them."

"At the next step, we said that we would still agree to work immediately for an expansion of trade and for the provision of additional important supplies for French economy if they could accept a suggestion which we understood had been made to them in Washington that the free market should not apply to the sale for commercial transactions but should be limited to financial transactions, with the repatriation of French capital held abroad."

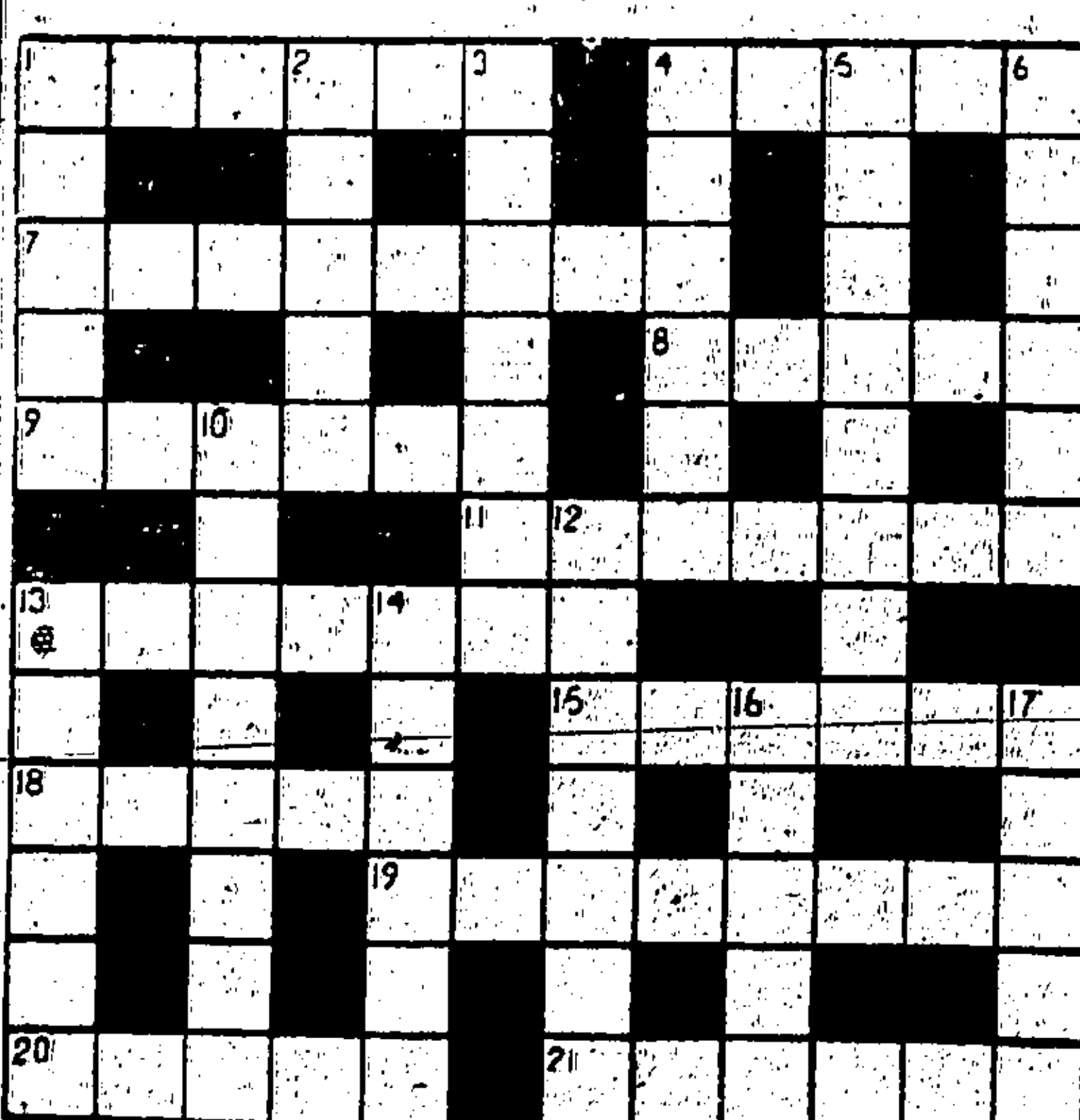
Friendly Basis

"The French found themselves unable to meet the requirements of their own economic position, to depart from their original methods."

Sir Stafford said that in the subsequent discussions in Paris, which were again on the most friendly basis, the French Premier, Mr. Robert Schuman, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, joined Mr. Mayer for the talks, at which he made his proposals again.

Sir Stafford made no comment when Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, asked if he realised that the French decision had "completely wrecked" the British Government's planning and cheap money policies. — Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Medicine.
4. Cops.
7. Hangar-on.
9. Encounters.
12. Specimens.
14. Timid.
16. Demure.

Clues Down

1. Gulls.
3. Vagrant.
5. Clothing.
7. Involuntary.
9. Shaking.
11. Surrounds.
13. Lifts.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1 Code, 4 Roaring, 8 Load, 9 Puma, 10 Pinnacle, 11 Trio, 12 Sage, 14 Duchess, 17 Trade, 19 Noise, 22 Present, 26 Stir, 27 Sect, 28

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Disguised as Black Roger, show the Crow had freed Kiparis from the Old Free Prison. Kiparis ran for where Whiskers had been hiding, leaving a strong scent which was followed by the Crow and his men.

Tyrone Power Divorced

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. The French-born film actress Annabella divorced Tyrone Power in the Superior Court here today. She won approval of alimony totalling at least \$50,000 yearly, less her earnings.—Reuter.

Divorces And Publicity

Sydney, Jan. 27. Publicity in divorce court trials is beneficial, says Acting Justice Nield of Sydney. He cited two instances within one week when newspaper reports of divorce action testimony resulted in readers coming to his court to refute claims made by witnesses. It was established that false evidence had been given, and the situation was exposed by the newspaper publicity.—United Press.

Blunders Caused Crash

LONDON, JAN. 27. BLUNDERS BY SIGNALMEN WHO "FORGOT" THE TRAIN WERE THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF THE SOUTH CROYDON RAILWAY CRASH LAST OCTOBER IN WHICH 32 WERE KILLED AND 188 INJURED.

The tragedy would not have occurred if colour light signalling and track circuiting had been installed between Battersea Park and Coulsdon.

These were the main points from the summing-up of Sir Alan Mount, chief inspecting officer of the Railways, whose report on the crash was published today.

The signalman concerned was a porter-signalman, H. D. Hillier, of Purley Oaks. He was recently demobbed from the Forces and was stated by Sir Alan to be not fully experienced.—Reuter.

Bizonia Exports In 1947

Berlin, Jan. 26.

Goods and services delivered to 65 countries throughout the world from the combined British and American Zones of Germany in 1947 amounted in value to \$222,032,860, it was announced today.

Of this total, \$36,378,354 resulted from the sale of manufactured goods. The balance was derived from the sale of coal and timber and from port charges and other services, the Director-General of the Joint Export Agency stated.

During 1946, before the combination of the Zones, exports

from both Zones totalled \$153,000,000 worth. The 1947 figures showed that the British Zone exported \$20,081,664 worth of manufactured goods, ranging from ceramics and silver to machinery and machine tools.

The American Zone exported \$16,296,690 worth. The 1947 report distinguished between exports delivered and contracts signed, since a lapse of several months sometimes occurs between the contract and delivery.

The total new contracts signed for the bi-zone in 1947 were approximately \$204,000,000.

The principal markets for bizonia exports were the United Kingdom, the United States, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

Trade and financial agreements reached with 19 European Governments during the year laid the groundwork for an expansion of the bi-zone's export trade.

The British and American Military Governments have an aggregate working capital of \$15,000,000 on deposit in banks of the countries with which the combined zones are doing business.—Reuter.

American Fuel Shortage

Chicago, Jan. 27.

Twenty-six states have taken emergency measures to cope with fuel shortages, the Council of State Governments reported today.

Many city Governments also are taking emergency action, the American Municipal Association reported.

The oil shortages are most serious the groups said, and many states and cities are creating fuel oil pools to supply hardship cases.

Increased demands upon oil production by home and industrial users were the major factors in creating the crisis, but transportation difficulties also have arisen in many areas.—United Press.

LEND-LEASE NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, Jan. 28.

The United States-Soviet negotiations on a lend-lease settlement have been resumed here on the basis of counter-proposals put forward by Russia last month, the State Department said today.

The counter-proposals suggest a lower ceiling than the one the United States originally requested for Soviet participation in the lend-lease goods with piece-time use.

Peninsular & Oriental STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"CASTLEDORE"	Bombay	8th Feb.
"TREVETON"	Shanghai	14th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	17th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	28th Feb.
"TRESILLIAN"	U.K.	10th Mar.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	11th March

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"CASTLEDORE"	Shanghai & Kobe	12th Feb.
"TREVETON"	Singapore, Penang, Port Said, Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam)	16th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits, Colombo and Bombay	23rd Feb.
"DILWARA"	U.K.	29th Feb.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai, U.K. and Continent via Straits	2nd Mar.
"TRESILLIAN"	Shanghai	15th Mar.

British India STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD. SAILINGS

SHIP	FROM	DUE
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits	16th Mar.

APCAR LINE ARRIVALS

SHIP	TO	SAILING
"SANGOLA"	Calcutta via Straits, Rangoon & Madras	20th Mar.

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Eastern Australian STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED ARRIVALS

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"NANKIN"	—	End March

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Sourabaya & Macassar
31st Jan.

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Port Elizabeth, Maassar
17th Feb.

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SOUTH-ATLANTIC LINE
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Mauritius, Lourenco,
Marques, Belra,
Durban, East London,
Port Elizabeth,
Mombasa, Capetown,
Buenos Aires, Monte-
video Santos, Rio
de Janeiro,
12th Feb.
Sailing 14th Feb.

Transshipment cargo on through bill of lading accepted for
Es-Salam, Mombasa & Zanzibar.
STRAAT SOENDA South America, Shanghai, Yokohama
South Africa 1st Feb. 2nd Feb.

RUYS South America, South Africa
31st Jan. 5th March

DELI-STRAITS-CHINA LINE
Due from Sailing for
Belawan Deli Singapore-Penang
Singapore 2nd Feb. 9th Feb.
Sailing for
Swatow & Amoy

Agents HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE
LEOPOLDSKERK Due from Loading for
Japan & Shanghai, 8th Feb. Manila/Singapore/
Port Said/Suez/
Alexandria/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Oslo
8th & 9th Feb.

MOLENERKERK Shanghai & Japan Manila/Singapore/
on or about 24th Feb. Colombo/Suez/
Port Said/
Alexandria/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Oslo
on or about 24th Feb.

"MEERKERK" Europe, Manila/Singapore
Mid Feb. Colombo/Suez/
Port Said/
Alexandria/
Genoa/Marseilles/
Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
Copenhagen/Oslo
early March.

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	Mid. Feb.	m.v. "NINDORO"
ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	30th Jan.	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	10th Feb.	m.v. "DONA NATI"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
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LONDON INVESTORS RUSH TO "GET INTO GOLD"

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Drift conditions prevailed during the day probably due to the advance in the gold market. One or two stocks closed slightly under the best, but generally the market closed firm with buyers still unsatisfied.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loan 1947-50, 100%
5% Loan 1947-50, 100%

BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 2000, 2000, 2000
Chartered Bank 211 7/16
Merrill Lynch 211 7/16
Bank of East Asia 127 1/2

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 2000, 2000, 2000
Union Ins. 2000, 2000, 2000
China Underwriters 7 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. 31 1/2

SHIPPING
H.K. & S. Steamship 150
Indo China (Prof.) 1000
Indo China (Def.) 3000
Shells (Heavy) 82 1/2
U. Waterhouse (Old) 47 1/2
DOCKERS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 1000
(New) (P. P.) 1500
(New) (P. P.) 1500

MINING
H.K. Mines 5000
H.K. Mines 5000
H. & S. Hotels 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2
H.K. Lands (Old) 80 1/2, 80 1/2, 80 1/2
H.K. Lands (New) 85 1/2, 85 1/2, 85 1/2
Shui Lands 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2
Humphreys Estate 200, 210
H.K. Realities 1000
Chinese Public 1000

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2
4 1/2
Peak Tram (Old) 110
Peak Tram (New) 90
Star Ferry 12 1/2
Yanchoi Ferry 30, 3100
C. Lights (Old) 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2
C. Lights (New) 16 1/2
H.K. Electric (Old) 64 1/2, 64 1/2, 64 1/2
4 1/2
H.K. Electric (New) 62 1/2, 62 1/2, 62 1/2
5 1/2
Macao Electric 250
Sundank Lights 100
Telephone (Old) 400
Telephone (New) 350
Shanghai Gas 60
INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macc. (Ord.) 250
Canton Tea 70
Cementa (Old) 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2
Cementa (New) 250
H.K. Ropes 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2
STORES &
Dairy Farms (X. R.) 60, 650
Dairy Farms Rights 40 1/2, 40 1/2, 40 1/2
Watsons Cum. All 700, 700
Lane, Crawford 50 1/2, 50 1/2, 50 1/2
Shierer & Son 1000
China Emporium 12000
San Co., Ltd. 50
Kwong Sang Hong 2000
Wing On (H.K.) 1000
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 12 1/2
MISCELLANEOUS
China Enterprises 3000
H.K. Constructions (Old) 60
H.K. Constructions (New) 50
Vibro Pump 100
Marman Investments 12 1/2
Marmen, (H.K.) 1400
COTTONS
Ewoe 17 1/2, 17 1/2

CHINESE SILK INDUSTRY
Shanghai, Jan. 27.
It was learned today that five leading silk millers in Kiangsu and Chekiang were planning to set up a joint enterprise to handle purchases, sales and other problems in connection with improving the Chinese silk industry.

Details are now being drafted by the factories. The plans will be submitted to the Government as soon as completed. United Press.

Notice To Consignees
M.S. "YUNNAN"
Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd's Godown from 10 a.m. on 30th & 31st January 1948, and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

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Agents.
Hongkong, 28th Jan., 1948.

PARIS, Jan. 26
The gold napoleon dropped by 225 francs to 3,700 francs on the Paris black market today.
The Swiss lous dropped by 250 francs to 3,450 francs.—Reuter

London, Jan. 27.
Government securities broke on the Stock Exchange today, reflecting fears that devaluation of the franc will damage the pound sterling. The Cabinet was in emergency session. Investors rushed to "get into gold." The demand forced up the prices of South African gold share and these shares also opened strong on the Capetown market, indicating belief that, sooner or later the pound must be cheaper.

It is now officially worth \$4.02 but was sold down to \$2.50 in uncontrolled markets.

London newspapers, reporting the break in Government bonds wiped out millions of pounds in market values. Market's utes attributed this break to lack of demand rather than general liquidation. There was a sell-off, however, in early trading.

Most other sections of the London market were quiet. Industrial shares were about steady, base metals and commodities were fully firm.

Repercussions
Any lowering of the pound's value would mean that Britain would have to put up more pounds for purchases abroad. That would impair the Labour Government's recovery programme. It sought vainly last week to have France hamper her devaluation.

Repercussions of the French move were heard throughout the sterling area, the world's largest trading bloc.

Directors of the Bank of Denmark went into closed session. In Capetown, where the Rand Stock Exchange opened active and sharply higher, market sources said investors obviously felt that devaluation of the pound must come sooner or later.

The same trend was noted on the Calcutta exchange. The exchange chairman, Emile Levy, said that pound sterling reaction usually follows franc devaluation.

Price Cutting?
In Singapore, a great international trading centre, markets were closed for a Hindu religious holiday. However, financial sources said traders were nervous. Price cutting in foreign markets was suggested in many circles as a means for Britain to protect the pound and her economic recovery programme, with its emphasis on greatly increased exports.—Associated Press.

Money Market
Gold's upsurge, fanned by un-
abated rumours of sterling de-
valuation, brought the price up
to \$344 a ton at the close of the
market yesterday, as against
\$377 the previous day.
Opening at \$336.50, it slipped
down to \$332.25 for a matter of
minutes, when sudden buying
pressure spurred it to \$344.25. It
eased off at the time interval, but
started to climb again after the
afternoon, to close at \$344, with
demands unsatisfied.
Piastras suffered a big setback
yesterday owing to the devalua-
tion of the franc. From an open-
ing at \$114.00 a 100, they drop-
ped to \$10.30 at the close.
The Chinese National Currency
also eased off. Futures had a
marketless day and were quoted
nominal at 31 1/2 cents for C\$10-
100. Spot fell from 36 cents to
35 cents.
Ducats eased off slightly to
\$29.40 a 100.
N.E.I. Guilders declined to
\$30.00 a 100 as against \$32.70 the
previous day.
U.S. dollars made another spurt
and closed yesterday at \$5.10.
Sterling was unchanged at \$2.65,
and was Australian pounds at
\$12.51.
In Shanghai yesterday (says
Reuter) the open market rates
were quoted at C\$118,000 (sel-
lers) for the U.S. dollar, and
C\$370,000 (buyers) and
C\$350,000 (sellers) for Ster-
ling.
After calling on Dr. Juan
Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign
Minister, the British Ambassador to
Argentina, Sir Reginald Leader, said
tonight: "Next shipments to Britain
will not be suspended."—Reuter.

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N.Y. Stock Market

Individual stocks shifted to recovery ground today although many market leaders slipped in the slowest session in four months.

Gold mines advanced at the start, but most of them finished with extreme gains. Scattered rails and special industrials did well. There were 655,000 transfers.

Wall Street was more confused than bazaar over the European currency situation. Gainers included Homestake Mining, McIntyre Petroleum, U.S. Gypsum, Union Pacific, Paramount Pictures, Warner Brothers and Douglas Aircraft.

Among losers were Allied Chemical, United Aircraft, Consolidated and Edison. Dow Jones averages were:—Stocks 61.87, 20 Industrials 171.18, 15 Rails 50.02, 10 Utilities 32.80.

Bonds were narrow. Among the curb gainers were Kaiser Fraser and Lake Shore Mines.

Closing quotations:—Adams Express 10 1/2, Alaska Petroleum 4, American Can 7 1/2, American Smelting 5 1/2, American Telephone 10 1/2, American Tobacco 6 1/2, American Waterworks 7 1/2, Anaconda Copper 33, Aviation Corporation 4 1/2, Baiter Locomotive 14 1/2, Borden 8 1/2, Bendis Aviation 2 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 8 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 24, Borden Co. 40 1/2, Canadian Pacific 10 1/2, J. I. Case 42 1/2, Chrysler 27 1/2, Colgate 41 1/2, Commercial Solvent 22, Corn Products 24 1/2, DuPont 17 1/2, Eastman Kodak 40 1/2, Electric Light & Power 15 1/2, General Electric 34, General Motors 5 1/2, Goodrich 32, Goodyear 42, Homestake Mining 80 1/2, International Harvester 58, International Paper 27, International Tel. & Tel. 10 1/2, Johns Manville 30 1/2, Kennecott Copper 45, Montgomery Ward 50 1/2, National Distillers 10 1/2, National Lead 40 1/2, New York Central 14, Packard Motor 4 1/2, Pan American 9 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2, Radio Corp. 8 1/2, Real Silk 12, Republic Steel 24, Reynolds Steel 8 1/2, Schenley 20 1/2, Sears Roebuck 44, Shell Oil 22 1/2, Slocum Vacuum 15 1/2, Southern Pacific 47 1/2, Standard Brands 25 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 55 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 71, Studebaker 18 1/2, Union Carbide 30 1/2, U.S. Steel 78 1/2, US Lines 10 1/2, Tuttle 70 1/2, Youngtown Sheet & Tube 70 1/2, Gen. Pub. Utilities 11 1/2.—Associated Press.

RICE RATIONING IN SHANGHAI
Shanghai, Jan. 27.
Blanket rice rationing will start here in March. The tentative ration per person is 33 pounds a month with half directly rationed by the Government and half bought with a Government permit in the open market.

However, the Minister of Food, Gen. Yu Fel-pang, said the ration scale is subject to future consideration in view of the fact that experts are of the opinion that 23 pounds will be enough for one person in a month.—United Press.

SILVER & GOLD MARKETS
London:—Silver, Spot, per fine ounce 45 1/2; Forward, 44 1/2.
Bar Gold, per fine ounce 172 1/2.
New York:—Silver, Bar (asked price) 74 1/2-80; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35; (N. Y. Unofficial) \$ unquoted.
Bengal:—Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas 171 Rupees 04 Annas; Forward unquoted; Marwari (unofficial) unquoted; New 165, 68; Gold, delivered, per tola 107, 00; Forward unquoted; Sovereign 69, 00.
One Tola is equal to 3/8ths of an ounce.
Buenos Aires:—Sovereign, buyers 69.00 sellers 70.10; U.S. Eagles, 126.00, 128.00; Gold, Bar, Gramme, 6.55b, 6.80b.
Bangkok:—Gold, Bar per bahtweight of 15.24t Grammes 515 bahts, Exchange Rates (Selling).
Bangkok on New York T.T. 15.50; London 59.30; Hongkong 3.69.—Reuter.

TICKETS FOR THE LEEDS TEST
London, Jan. 27.
Ticket applications for the Fourth Test between England and Australia at Leeds next July, are still being received by every post.

A total of 1,200 extra seats have been sold and money has been returned to many unsuccessful enthusiasts.

Altogether 4,500 reserved seats for the whole five days, the lowest priced of which is £2.7.6, have been sold.—Reuter.

Sydney, Jan. 26.
The coalfields engine-drivers strike, which cost production of 183,000 tons since last Wednesday and caused gas and railway restrictions, ended today.—Reuter.

London Stock Exchange

London, Jan. 26.
SECURITIES:
British Consols, 1946/75 79
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2, 1951 105
Funding Loan, 1954/59 112 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2, 1952 108 1/2
War Loan, 3 1/2, 1952 102 1/2
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2 118 ex div
RAILWAY SHARES:
British Transport 3 1/2 90
INDUSTRIALS:
I.C.T. 6 1/2
Imperial Rubber Co. ord. 76 1/2
I.C.T. 6 1/2
Imperial Tobacco Co. 6 1/2
RUBBER SHARES:
Ceylon Rubber of Java 18 1/2
Guthrie Plantation Rubber Estate 18 1/2
Guthrie Plantation Invest. Trust 27 1/2
MINES:
Barrick Gold 6 1/2
Crown Mines 22 1/2
Nanyangtung Mines 12 1/2
Rand Mines 6
Spring Mines 10 1/2
Sub-Mines 4 1/2
Tang Tin Co. 27 1/2
Union Corporation 200 1/2
OIL SHARES:
Royal Dutch 28
Shell Transport Co. 4 1/2
SHIPPING:
P. & O. N. N. Co. ord. 61 1/2
GILDEDGES:
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2, 1948/53 90 1/2
Funding Loan, 3 1/2, 1951 101
National War Bonds 2 1/2
1945/51 101 1/2
1952/54 100 1/2
1954/56 100 1/2
National, 1951/53 100 1/2
Savings Bonds, 5 1/2, 1955/55 101
Savings Bonds, 5 1/2, 1955/55 101
Savings Bonds, 5 1/2, 1955/55 101
Savings Bonds, 5 1/2, 1955/55 101
FOREIGN BONDS:
German Loan, (Dawson) 7 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2, 1957/57 84 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2, 1957/57 84 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2, 1957/57 84 1/2
Japanese 5 1/2, 1957/57 84 1/2
BANKS:
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C. 11 1/2
H.K. & S. Banking Corp. 120 1/2
Merrill Lynch Bank of India "A" 22
MINING SHARES:
Consol. Goldfields of S. America 7 1/2
Consol. Tin Mines of Burma 5 1/2
Indian Copper Corporation 4 1/2
New Union Goldfields 7 1/2
Orange Free State Trust 60 1/2
West Rand Invest. Trust 48 1/2
Free State Developments 37 1/2
Reedbank 15 1/2
Cons. Main Reef 45 1/2
Saint Helena 61 1/2
De La Rue, ord. 48 1/2
Bab. Breweries 170 1/2
West Driefontein 108 1/2
Lynburn Estate 22 1/2
South African Townships 24 1/2
Selection Trusts 58 1/2
South African Turbines 6 1/2
Welkom 61 1/2
Tobacco Securities Trust Defers 2-11/16
Grosveld Mining 45 1/2
Johnsbury Consolidated 45 1/2
JOHNSBURY CONSOLIDATED 115 1/2
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:
Tientsin Pukow Railway, 5 1/2 12
Long Tan U. H. Railway, 5 1/2 12
5 1/2, 1918 12
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Tsinan (H. & S.) from Swatow, Capt. J.G. (Swatow), 12.
Empire (H. & S.) from Swatow, Capt. J.G. (Swatow), 12.

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INDIA FACE DEFEAT Wickets Toppling In Follow-On

**BRIDGETOWN
TEST DRAWN**

Bridgetown, Jan. 26.
Rain interfered with the first Test between the West Indies and England, which was continued here today, and the match was left drawn.

Shanghai Interport Eleven

SHANGHAI, Jan. 27.
K. S. STEN, who is well known for his soccer prowess in both Singapore and Hong Kong, has been appointed captain of the eleven squad chosen to play tonight to represent SHANGHAI IN INTERPORT SOCCER AGAINST HONG KONG ON CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY, FEB. 10 IN THE COLONY.

The only two foreign players in the team are a Russian, R. K. Sten, and a British, E. Edwards.

At the same time a 12-man team was picked to represent Shanghai in the Olympic football to be played in Hong Kong.

The following have been chosen for the purpose:

P. L. Chang, L. P. Tam, K. S. Sten, L. H. Han, Lee Yeh and T. S. Hsu, of the Tung Hua Club; G. Z. Wei, S. Nien, N. Z. Lee, N. L. Meng, P. T. Kao, Y. F. Chu, T. W. Fan of the Tung Pih Club and R. K. Sten and Edwards of the Tien Teh Club.

Former Hongkonger, V. K. Hui has been appointed manager of the Olympic football team which comprises all the above mentioned Chinese players except Tam. —Reuter.

RIOTS IN ITALY

Rome, Jan. 27.
Thirty-seven persons were wounded in incidents at Brescia and Messina yesterday and the Government is deliberately provoking disorder by employing severe police measures against Communist demonstrations.

This, the Communist newspaper said, was to build a "pretext" for postponing the April national elections.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi in an interview called the charges "absurd" and said the elections would be held as scheduled. —United Press.

KANE WINS

Norwich, Jan. 26.
Peter Kane, European bantamweight champion, beat Sam Reynolds of Wolverhampton, on points over 10 rounds here tonight. —Reuter.

Faster Than Sound Hint In U.S.

Washington, Jan. 27.
A Government agency today produced what looked like the nearest thing thus far to an official hint that a United States airplane has flown faster than the speed of sound.

The apparent hint was in an announcement by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

The announcement said that Laurence A. Croug, NACA test pilot, will receive the 1947 Octave Chanute Award awarded by the Institute of Aeronautical Science to the pilot who has made "notable contributions to aeronautical science."

Croug had flown a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star at 88.0 per cent of the speed of sound, the announcement said.

Then it added, "His speeds have been only recently exceeded in several research airplanes built for and flown in NACA high speed flight research."

Rocket Plane
The allusion appeared to be the rocket-propelled SX-1, which was built by Bell Aircraft Corporation for the United States Air Force to NACA specifications.

Adelaide, Jan. 27.
India, after their bright start in their first innings in the Fourth Test Match, collapsed today before the bowling of Johnson and were all out for 381.

Following on, the tourists had lost six wickets for only 188 at the close of play, Lindwall taking five, and thus still require 105 to avert the innings defeat.

Hazare and Phadkar resumed the batting this morning. Phadkar, who had stepped yards down the pitch to Johnson and tried the off-spinner for a glancing blow to complete his century, had taken three and a half hours and included 12 fours—a most patient and confident display. The Australians joined in the chasing.

The first four's play had yielded 44 runs and the 350 went up in 375 minutes.

For daily time bowling was resumed at 11.30. Kishenchand played to late and the ball struck back the Indian's mid-off stump. Kishenchand had batted 100 minutes for ten runs.

Adelaide hit Miller for a single and then came an unbroken partnership between Phadkar and Hazare, who with a smart underarm return, took down the stumps and Hazare could scramble back.

When Phadkar went in to bat, he had 117 to his credit and Hazare was not out two runs. Phadkar's innings to a century took 15 minutes and he had the eighth ball of his century at 11.45. After taking a two and a four, Phadkar, playing effectively, fell to Llew.

He had been at the wicket for four hours and 15 minutes and had hit 12 fours in his 123.

With nine wickets down for 215, Ranganathan joined Ranganathan who played 40 minutes but was unable to penetrate the 102. Ranganathan was later stumped by Tallon off Johnson, and the innings closed at 381.

INDIA-1ST INNS

Servade, b. Miller	1
Sen, b. Miller	49
Shankar, b. McCool	46
Aravindan, b. Bradman	46
John, b. Johnson	4
Gul Mohamed, b. Tallon	4
Johnson	116
Phadkar, b. b. Tothack	123
Kishenchand, b. Lindwall	10
Adulkar, run out	2
Harbhajan, b. Tallon	6
Aravindan, not out	22
Extras	2
Total	381

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	21	5	61	2
Miller	9	1	39	2
McCool	28	2	102	1
Johnson	23	5	94	4
Tothack	10	2	66	1
Harbhajan	0	0	23	0
Bradman	1	0	4	0
Byes	11	Leg	b	1
Total	111	b	3	11

INDIA-2ND INNS

Mankad, b. Tallon	0
Anandath, b. Lindwall	11
Sarwate, b. Lindwall	11
Hazare, not out	102
Gul Mohamed, b. Barnes	34
Phadkar, b. Lindwall	14
Kishenchand, b. Lindwall	0
Adulkar, not out	0
Extras	0
Total (for 6)	188

—Reuter.

Jap Yarn Production Increases

Tokyo, Jan. 27.
Substantial advances in Japan's production of cotton yarn and raw silk, during 1947 were reported by the Textile Division of SCAP's Economic and Scientific Section.

Principal accomplishment of the Japanese textile industry during the year was the production of more than twice as much cotton yarn and fabric as in 1946. SCAP officials said. Figures for 1947 were 266,375,000 pounds of cotton yarn and 661,902,000 square yards of cotton fabrics.

Raw silk production was stabilized at 10,000 bales monthly, representing a 25 per cent increase over 1946.

However, production of woollen textiles and silk and rayon fabrics decreased. The decline was attributed to the exhaustion of raw materials and scarcity of power. —United Press.

Enemy Property To Be Sold

WASHINGTON, JAN. 27.
THE HOUSE TODAY UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A BILL ORDERING THE SALE OF SOME \$250,000,000 WORTH OF SEIZED JAPANESE AND GERMAN PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES.

It is planned to use part of the proceeds for emergency aid to American civilians who suffered at enemy hands.

No compensation would go to the original owners of the property. The money would go into the U.S. Treasury and it is contemplated that \$50,000,000 of it would be given to some 6,000 persons who were victims of Japanese aggression and mistreatment on Midway, Guam, Wake and the Philippines.

The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee estimated that former American internees in the Pacific would receive an average of \$5,850 each, that disability allowances averaging \$3,750 and that 600 death claims of \$7,500 would be paid. —Associated Press.

Army To Meet R.A.F.

The Army team to meet the R.A.F. in the second round of the Memorial Cup Competition at Sookunpo on Thursday afternoon, kick-off 3.30 p.m., has been selected as follows: Wylie, Nasau, Craighead, 25 Field Regt., Manson (H.Q.L.F.), Johnson (Innisk), McGrath (2 Buffs), Syde (2 Buffs), Cunningham (2 Buffs), Bates (25 Field Regt.), Kiernan (Innisk), and Andrews (Innisk). Reserves: Cordell (R.E.M.E.), Wright (H.Q.L.F.).

The team has several names new to representative football, but in Kiernan and Cunningham the Army possesses two experienced and constructive inside forwards who should be able to keep the forward line well supplied.

Of the defence, Johnson will probably have the hardest task of all in looking after Sewell, the R.A.F. centre forward, who rarely wastes an opportunity of scoring once he is allowed any room in which to move. It is on the capability of Johnson and the two full backs looking after the wing forwards that the success of the Army largely depends. Admission is free.

Rome, Jan. 27.
Twenty people were injured when a bomb exploded in a building in Messina, where a Communist Party dance was being held. The explosion tore a large hole in the wall. —Reuter.

Rugger Champions



Mrs. Erskine, wife of the G.O.C. presenting the Quadrangular Tournament cup to P. S. Ingham, Capt. of the Club Rugby XV, the winning team. (Watson-Gallus-Borough).

PURSE FOR BIG FIGHT THE STUMBLING BLOCK

Miami Beach, Florida, Jan. 27.
Mike Jacobs, Sol Strauss and Felix Boccicchio wound up in a bitter stalemate today in their efforts to fix purse arrangements for the proposed return match between champion Joe Louis and Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title.

In the first conference at Jacobs' winter home on Normandy Isle, Boccicchio, who has an exclusive promoter's contract for Walcott's services, reported he offered to accept 25 per cent of the net receipts rather than the 30 per cent he had asked for originally.

However, Strauss and Jacobs, head men of Twentieth Century Sporting Club and holders of the champion's contract, remained adamant in their 20 per cent offer to Jersey Joe.

"They are taking a very unfair attitude," Strauss complained. "We're offering them as much as any challenger ever received. But we're just the same way we started."

Jacobs estimated the fight would gross close to US\$2,000,000 at New York's Yankee Stadium. —United Press.

SERVICES LOSE

London, Jan. 26.
In a Rugby Union match played today, Newport beat Devonport Services by eight points to five. —Reuter.

Palestine Chaos In May?

Lake Success, Jan. 26.
It was disclosed today that the United Nations Palestine Commission had agreed that the situation in Palestine was steadily worsening and would be on the verge of chaos when the British give up control of the Holy Land about May 15.

The Commission gives this conclusion in the first monthly report which it is preparing behind closed doors for the United Nations Security Council.

It was learned that the Commission's report as now written also refers to the "need" for an international army to enforce partition against Arab objections.

The Commission will submit a separate detailed report on this security problem.

Commission members, reporting on two weeks of secret meetings, also disclosed:

1. Great Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan testified that the Jewish claim that they were fighting a purely defensive war was not tenable.

Jews Want Planes
2. The Jewish Agency, in addition to asking the Commission to speed formation of a Jewish militia of 30,000 to 35,000 men, has also asked the Commission for an air force. The force would, apparently, total about 100 aircraft.

NAVY'S SAILING WIN Government Lose A Close Race

Despite the cold and wet conditions, the Navy and Government teams enjoyed their sailing team race last Sunday morning at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. It was a good close race ended in a win for the Royal Navy by 74 points to Government 60 points.

Jap War Criminal At Large

Shanghai, Jan. 27.
A Japanese war criminal suspect, without food or cash, was the object of a widespread manhunt by the army and police here today after he had escaped from the prison compound by vaulting over an electrified wire fence.

The wanted man, K. Nakano, former Gendarme officer attached to the special services at Tungming Island on the Yangtze estuary, 30 miles north of Shanghai, escaped on Jan. 21 on the eve of this trial on charges of wartime atrocities.

Nakano, who cannot speak Chinese, is believed to be still wearing his Japanese army uniform. His military topcoat was found abandoned a short distance from the prison compound.

Nakano was alleged to have caused the deaths of "several hundred Chinese" on Tungming Island during the war. —Reuter.

Author In Hong Kong

Mr. Stanton Hope, British author and well travelled journalist is now on his first visit to the Colony for 40 years.

Mr. Hope, whose best known books are "Richter Dust," "Ocean Odyssey" and "Gallipoli Revisited" is of the opinion that Hong Kong has made rapid strides since his last visit. He said yesterday: "The whole area has been modernised, and particularly Kowloon, which was at one time a 'dead place'."

A Fleet Street journalist, Mr. Hope has contributed articles to London newspapers on naval actions for many years. At present he is on a lecture tour for the Central Advisory Council for Adult Education in H.M. Forces under the auspices of the Air Ministry. During last month he gave a series of lectures to Forces in the Colony on "Settlement in the Empire," "The Sea Transport of Oil" and "The Royal Navy and Merchant Navy."

Mr. Hope's career has been varied and picturesque. As a youth he was an art student in London until he decided to tour the world and became in turn a cowboy, gold prospector, cartoonist and actor. During the first World War he served in the Royal Naval Division in Gallipoli and later in the Royal Navy in the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, while in World War II he served aboard an A.B. in the Royal Navy and took part in the Normandy landings.

H.Q.L.F. TEAM

For their match against 25 Field Regt. at Gun Club Hill today, kick-off 3.10 p.m., H.Q. Land Forces will field the following team: Wybourn, Usherwood, Roberts, Hamblett, Brown, Manson, Baulch, Harrison, Tolladay, Wright, Rogers.

Champion's Easy Win

Paris, Jan. 26.
Marcel Cerdan, French and European middleweight champion, scored an easy victory over the Italian, Giovanni Mancini at the Palais des Sports here tonight, knocking him out in the second round of their ten-round fight.

Cerdan attacked from the start and looked as if he meant to finish the fight early. The Italian kept him at bay with his straight left but near the end of the round Cerdan got under his guard with a terrific left to the body.

Mancini went down, but was up again immediately although a badly shaken.

Mancini was again on the defensive in the second round but followed by two rights to the jaw followed by the Italian to the body sent the Italian to the canvas. He was counted out after two minutes and 40 seconds of fighting in the second round. —Reuter.

CIVILIANS TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Non-Chinese Civilians against The Combined Chinese in the 2nd Round of the Memorial Cup Competition to be played on Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Club ground at 1.30 p.m. —

Leck (Club); Gosano (St. Joseph's); Cap. and Pleasant (Club); Gordin (Police); Farrow (Club) and Collier (Police); Xavier (St. Joseph's); Howlett (Police); Fowler (Club); Mullin (Club); and Omar (St. Joseph's).

Reserves: Beck (Club); Redman (Club); and Weller (Club).

KRAMER NOW THREE UP

Chicago, Jan. 27.
Jack Kramer today defeated Bobby Riggs 4-4, 10-8 before 12,000 fans in the Chicago Stadium to increase his lead on their professional tour 12 to 9.

Denny Pails (Australia) and Pancho Segura (Ecuador) split two sets in the preliminary match. —United Press.

New Party In Burma

RANGOON, JAN. 26.
A NEW BURMESE POLITICAL PARTY, THE "AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE," WILL BE FORMED HERE SHORTLY.

The party manifesto said it would "strictly follow the objectives of the late U Aung San," chairman of the Interim Burmese Government, who was assassinated on July 19 last year.

The party will be headed by Bo Thein Swe, former President of the Rangoon Branch of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League.

The Burma Press today forecast the likelihood of the new party breaking away from the AFPFL, the Government party of which the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, is President.

Burmese forces have conducted full-scale military operations against guerrillas in the Arakan for the last two months, the Burmese Defence Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, Colonel Bo Let Ya, disclosed at a press conference today.

Official estimates gave 80 guerrillas killed and 260 taken prisoner during the latest operations. —Reuter.

BEATEN UP BY ROBBERS

Four of the inmates of 35, Ko Shing Street, were removed to Queen Mary Hospital last night following a beating up by 10 robbers, who decamped with cash, wrist watches and gold rings at \$1,700.

Three of the men were armed with revolvers and several others with hand grenades.

When the foks were unable to produce the key to the safe, the robbers gave them a beating up.

ROBERT DAVIS RETIRING

Shanghai, Jan. 27.
One of the best known British journalists in the Far East, Mr. Robert Wallace Davis, announced his retirement today after serving the North China Daily News for 46 years.

He has been a director of the paper since 1920. Mr. Davis, accompanied by his wife, expects to leave shortly for a brief visit to California before settling down in Canada. —Reuter.

Premier Explains Franc Move

Paris, Jan. 26.
France's devaluation scheme will not harm European re-construction, M. Robert Schuman, Premier, told the National Assembly today.

"We shall continue to co-operate with the United States Government and our European friends within the framework of the Marshall Plan. Our own monetary plans have been compromised nobody. Stability of French economy is an essential part of the Marshall Plan."

He added: "Without compromising any of our friends, we believe that our policy is a step forward in the reconstruction of France."

Touching on his talks with Sir Stafford Cripps on Jan. 23, M. Schuman said that, despite fundamental differences in the economic situations of their countries, the visit was not unfruitful.

"It was recognized that our differences must not embarrass our co-operation in the economic field. It was agreed that concrete measures be taken to avoid drawbacks because of our new monetary regime."

Before the adjournment of the Assembly the leader of the Communist group, M. Jacques Duclos, claimed that the Government proposals meant that the franc was devalued the "price of a slave of the dollar." —Reuter.

London, Jan. 26.
Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands arrived at Northolt Airport, London, today in his own plane on a private visit. —Reuter.

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